



St. Helen Chamber of Commerce

May 24, 2021

Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6pm by president, Jan Waltz. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance
- II. Roll Call: Janet Bawol, Kathy Jernigan, Jan Waltz and Tula Alexander were present. John Sutter arrived at 6:45 p.m. and Ray Wlosinski was absent. A quorum was present
- III. Additions to the Agenda- Chamber storage unit clean out/picnic lunch
- IV. Introduction of Guests – Bev VanMeter and ViJay Kumar were present.
- V. Approval of April 26, 2021 Minutes - A motion was made by Kathy Jernigan to accept the minutes as presented and the motion was seconded by Tula Alexander. Motion passed.
 - a. Correspondence—None
- VI. Treasurer’s report— Kathy reviewed the income/expenses for May 2021. She will talk about this past weekend’s Summer Kick Off later in the meeting.
- VII. President’s Report – Jan reported that Grange Bell is getting many sales for ads for the Visitor’s Guide. She thought the Summer Kick off was a success.
- VIII. Standing Committee reports;
 - a. Membership – Kathy reported that she will be visiting businesses who are seasonal in St. Helen in hopes of getting them to join the chamber. They would have a reduced yearly rate because they are in fact, a seasonal business.
 - b. Grants – Nothing new to report.
 - c. Raffles – Nothing new to report.
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Santa Comes to St. Helen – The chamber will be hosting this event on Saturday, November 27 which is the Saturday following Thanksgiving. That day is also Shop Local Saturday so they are hoping to tie all of this into one large event. The St. Helen Lake Association (SHLA) has signed off on hosting the parade this year so along with the other events, the chamber will take the lead on this as well. The SHLA has no board members available that weekend to host the parade. More details to follow regarding this Christmas event.
 - b. Summer Kick-Off Review – Kathy reported the weather was good for this event. There were many kids participating in the kid’s game but not so many adults walked through. There were also less vendors as in past years. The chamber did make money from this event, however. Kathy made a recommendation going forward that the chamber host a fish dinner or another type of fundraiser at this time of year and let this event go for a while. There is a lot of work that goes into planning the Summer Kick Off. More discussion will follow.
 - c. Nominations - There is slate of 7 candidates for the chamber board beginning in July 2021 for a two- year term. The nominees will be presented during the June chamber meeting for a vote.
 - d. Summer Blast – This is scheduled for June 10, 11, and 12. Kathy is recommending that since this is coming up so soon following the Summer Kick Off and that the businesses are still trying to get back to normal, that this event be postponed to next year. More discussion will follow.
- X. New Business:
 - a. Storage clean-out/picnic lunch -Kathy would like to find a mutual day to clean out the chamber storage units. Following discussion, Saturday, June 26 was chosen. Following the clean-out, a picnic lunch will be available.
- XI. Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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