



St. Helen Chamber of Commerce

September 28, 2020

Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance
- II. Roll Call: Jan Waltz, Janet Bawol, Tula Alexander, Kathy Jernigan, John Sutter and Ed Bergeron were present. Ray Wlosinski was absent with notice. A quorum was present
- III. Additions to the Agenda- None
- IV. Introduction of Guests – Vickie Smith, Roberta Kary, Pam Scott and John Bawol were in attendance.
- V. Approval of August 31, 2020 Minutes - A motion was made by John Sutter 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 expenses and income from September 2020. She reported the sound system has been sold for \$300.00 The Roscommon Commission on Aging purchased the system.
- VII. President’s Report – No report.
- VIII. Standing Committee reports;
 - a. Membership - Kathy reported that she has received some new memberships this past month.
 - b. Grants - Nothing new to report.
 - c. Raffles – Nothing new to report.
 - d. Lake Association Santa Comes to St. Helen Parade – Nothing new to report.
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Update on Candidates Forum – Ed reported this event is scheduled for Saturday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Richfield Township Hall. Tracy Smith, Director of the Higgins Lake – Roscommon Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled to be the moderator. On Monday, October 5, the MSU Extension has scheduled a “dry run” Zoom meeting in advance of the event on the 10th. They are assisting with hosting the electronic portion of this event so it can be broadcast on social media and other outlets. There was lengthy discussion regarding this event because of the Executive Orders (E.O.) requiring how many people can be in one room at the same time. Also, Per Pam Scott, the WI-FI capability in the Township Hall is spotty, at best. Roberta suggested that Scott Marshall from Scotties could film each candidate speaking on their individual platform then broadcast that on social media. John Bawol suggested each candidate have a table throughout the entire Hall, then citizens could come in and speak with each candidate for a certain amount of time. The concerns are the WI-FI is not strong enough to host ZOOM meeting and the amount of people who could attend because of the E.O. Ed is going to research other options and follow up with the Chamber board who will decide how this event will be presented.
 - b. Santa Comes to St. Helen – Kathy reported that Ray has secured a trailer where Santa would be located outside of the township hall following the parade. Each child would enter the trailer individually to visit with Santa, their parent would take a photo and the chamber would have a goody bag for each child when they leave the trailer. There will be no indoor Christmas events sponsored by the Chamber this year.
 - c. Golf Tournament – Kathy reported it was a success. There were 11 teams with 4 on each team with door prizes and a lottery board. Kathy has not completed the accounting portion but preliminarily there will be approximately \$700.00 profit. John Sutter made a MOTION the Chamber reimburse Kathy for expenses related to this event; Tula supported. The MOTION carries.
 - d. Fall Decorating Contest – The Chamber once again is hosting a Fall Decorating Contest for businesses and families. This year there will no indoor competition, however. Judging will take place the end of October prior to Halloween.
- X. New Business:
 - a. Christmas Decorating Contest –Will discuss further after Halloween.
 - b. Chamber Annual Meeting – Board decided to postpone until 2021.
- XI. Additional Items
 - a. Trunk or Treat – John Sutter reported the Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31. Tula made a MOTION the Chamber donate \$50.00 towards this event, Kathy supported. The MOTION carries. John Sutter abstained from vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Bawol, Secretary

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