

St Helen Chamber of Commerce
November 25, 2019
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting was called to order by President Jan Waltz at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Jan Waltz, Janet Bawol, Tula Alexander, John Sutter, Kathy Jernigan and Ray Wlosinski were present. Ed Bergeron was absent with notice for tonight's meeting. A quorum was present.
3. Additions to the Agenda – None
4. Introduction of Guests – John Bawol was in attendance.
5. Approval of October 28 minutes - Tula made a MOTION to approve the minutes with no corrections. John supported. The MOTION carries.
 - A. Correspondence – None
6. Treasurer's Report – Kathy reviewed the treasurer's report for November 2019 including income and expenses for the Annual Appreciation Dinner. Income and expenses were the same so there was no cost for this event.
7. President's Report – Jan briefly mentioned the local candidate's forum which would be hosted in early spring. Ed is taking the lead on this event and will keep the board updated on dates and which candidates will be in attendance. Kathy reported the Christmas banners will be placed, one across the road at the township hall, and the other installed near the north end Welcome to St. Helen sign. She has all of the supplies for the chamber event, following the parade. Also, she would like to develop a yearly calendar which indicates the events which the chamber hosts. This way, everyone would see what events are coming up for better planning purposes.
8. Committee Reports
 - A. Membership – No report
 - B. Grants– No report
 - C. Christmas Parade – Janet. Janet reported that planning is continuing. There are seven confirmed entries. She continues to send emails and look for new entries. There was discussion on how to keep people from coming into the hall following the parade instead of waiting outdoors to participate in the caroling and tree lighting. Following discussions, Kathy will work on keeping the people outdoors and Ray will look into getting cones and barrier tape.
 - D. Christmas Decorating in Town – Kathy reported the hall will be decorated on December 13 in the am
 - E. Iron-Belle Trail update – Tula reported on a meeting, which she had recently, with representatives regarding the development of this trail. It was agreed that the suggested changes for the trail to go into St. Helen from Ogemaw County was approved. The maps will be updated to reflect this change.
9. Old Business
 - A. Annual Appreciation Dinner – Went well, good turnout.
 - B. Proposed Chamber fundraisers – Ray is working on an ice fishing fundraiser and a golf fundraiser. He will keep the board updated.
10. New Business
11. Candidates Forum/Meet and Greet – Ed will take the lead with these events and will keep the board updated on dates and attendees. (A forum before primaries and a Meet and Greet before general election.)
12. Items from Audience – Ray reported that \$10,000 has been received by Snowpackers, and will go towards work on the trails including sand and gravel updates, etc.
13. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by John and Tula. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Bawol, Secretary