

St Helen Chamber of Commerce  
February 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 by Secretary Janet Bawol: Jan Waltz, Ray Wlosinski, Janet Bawol, Kathy Jernigan were present. Connie Barton, Bev VanMeter and John Sutter were absent for tonight's meeting. A quorum was present.
3. Additions to the Agenda – none
4. Introduction of Guests – Mr. Ed Bergeron, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lyttle, Mr. John Bawol were present.
5. Approval of February 4, 2019 minutes - Kathy Jernigan made a MOTION to approve the minutes with no corrections. Ray Wlosinski supported. The MOTION carries.
6. Correspondence – Letter of Request for a fishing tournament from Payback Bass. Jan will discuss further during her report.
7. Treasurer's Report – Kathy reviewed expenses and receipts for January 2019.
  - a. Licensing- Nothing to report.
  - b. Marketing Committee – They continue to work on the countywide tourist guide.
8. President's Report – Jan reported that Fultz Insurance, sponsors of the hunt, is considering increasing the amount for the Medallion Hunt from \$50.00 to \$75 or \$100.00 for next year, hoping this will generate more interest. No one signed up to help facilitate the Ice Fishing Contest. Jan discussed the correspondence from Payback Bass. They would like to host a fishing tournament in St. Helen during September but are making large financial requests of the Chamber such as sponsoring a pre-tournament dinner the Saturday before the event and the chamber paying \$25.00 per participating angler. Following discussions, chamber board is declining, on the financial responsibility, as it is more than the chamber can afford. Janet will draft a letter of response back to Payback Bass. Jan also briefly discussed old ORV shirts, which are stored in the Chamber office. Kathy suggested that we sell them during the Summer Kick off event for a reduced price.
  - a. Event Idea – Ed Bergeron. Ed discussed the Beautification and Revitalization Subcommittee through the Roscommon County Economic Development group. He is the chair of this group and discussed ideas to "clean up" Richfield Township. His ideas included a Spring Clean-up where groups of people could take on different quadrants of the Township such as the lakeshore, beach, downtown area and surrounding woods and clean up trash, debris, etc. He also suggested partnering with the DDA and Lake Association for this task. John Bawol reminded everyone of the liability of a task such as this, especially for people leaning out of boats to collect trash. Kathy suggested a picnic for the volunteers following a day of clean up. Ray suggested that Ed contact the DNR for any stewardship programs, which would offer grants. He will develop information to send out looking for volunteers and to determine a day/time for this event.
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership – Kathy. When the weather breaks, Jan and Kathy will visit businesses in the area, that do not currently belong to the Chamber, to encourage them to join; Ed will visit the ones he is familiar with.

- b. By-Laws Review – Jan reported that she, Janet, Ray and Ed have volunteered to be part of this subcommittee. She will set a date in March for the first meeting.
10. Old Business
- a. Summer Kick-Off – Kathy J and Bev V. Kathy will be sending out request forms to those who participated in this event last year. She has heard of some new vendors for this year. Kathy also mentioned there may be a business or two who will volunteer to judge the different contests during this event.
  - b. Medallion Winner – Bev V. Jan reported that Dylan Sharrow won this year.
11. Credit Card Acquisition – Kathy. Still waiting to see if approval has been granted for this request.
12. New Business
- a. Justin Plunkett Veterans Plan – He was invited to tonight’s meeting but did not show.
  - b. Payback Bass Tournament – Ray made a MOTION to send a letter outlining tonight’s discussion, Kathy supported. The MOTION carries.
13. Items from Audience Members – Kathy reminded everyone there is a Marketing Meeting on Monday March 4 and also discussed the Serenity Center in Prudenville. Very nice place for caregivers, etc. She also discussed that volunteers are needed for the Children’s Resource Center. This organization has seen over 1,000 children since 2014. It is a place for abused and troubled children. John B spoke with representatives from the Kelly Miller Circus indicating the date they would like to host the circus will not work for the St. Helen Community. He was going to give John additional dates. John has not heard back from him.
14. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Jan and John. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Bawol, Chamber Secretary