

St Helen Chamber of Commerce
August 26, 2019
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting was called to order by President Jan Waltz at 6:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Jan Waltz, Janet Bawol, Kathy Jernigan, John Sutter, and Ray Wlosinski were present. Bev VanMeter and Connie Barton were absent for tonight's meeting. A quorum was present.
3. Additions to the Agenda – None
4. Introduction of Guests – None
5. Approval of June 24, 2019 minutes- John Sutter made a MOTION to approve the minutes with no corrections. Ray Wlosinski supported. The MOTION carried.
 - A. Correspondence – A list of upcoming activities going on at the library was distributed amongst the board members.
6. Treasurer's Report – Kathy reviewed the expenses and receipts for August 2019.
7. President's Report – Jan reported that she and Ed Bergeron recently visited some businesses in St. Helen. They also presented plaques of recognition to Pioneer Pharmacy, Mr. B's Deli, Sam's Diner and 2nd Generation Barber Shop. Ray and Barb Wlosinski will attend the Fireman's Memorial on behalf of the Chamber, there are, so far, three people attending the conference in Ludington (Jan, Kathy & Kasey Lacey); Ray will be attending the upcoming class on raffles. Jan also noted that Bev VanMeter has resigned from the Chamber board. Kathy made a MOTION to accept Bev's resignation with regrets and appreciation for the years of service to the St Helen Chamber of Commerce, John supported. The MOTION carries. Jan discussed the Friends of the Park will be looking into blinds for the park pavilion in the spring. They are looking for donations from groups who specifically use the park.
8. Committee Reports
 - A. Membership – Kathy will be visiting some businesses this upcoming week.
 - B. By-Laws Review – Ray facilitated the second reading of by-laws which included formatting changes, updated responsibilities for the Treasurer, board member absences, purchasing and emergency purchases. There was some discussion regarding board member quorums, board member absences. Following this discussion, Kathy made a motion to accept the changes to the by-laws, John supported. The MOTION carries.
 - C. Grants– Kathy continues to work on the grants. It is very extensive and requires much time and information. She will keep the board updated.
9. Old Business
 - A. Fundraising Ideas – The chamber continues to brainstorm on ideas to raise money.
 - B. Fish Fry- Kathy - A fish fry is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, with a live auction, 50/50 and door prizes. The cost is \$10.00 and is by donation only.
 - C. Conference in Ludington – Jan discussed the upcoming conference in October. Thus far, three people are scheduled to attend.
 - D. Golf Fundraiser - Ray – It has been decided to postpone this until Spring 2020.
10. New Business - None
11. Items from Audience – Kathy discussed some ideas that she has for the 2020 Chamber Kick off event. Ray discussed that when the annual ORV Jamboree is happening, the attendees are allowed to shower at the park. The chamber owns a portable shower. He'd like to have us donate it to the township, so the riders can shower before going into the shower room. We only had \$100 into it. Kathy made a MOTION to donate the outside shower to the Township for park use, Jan supported. The MOTION carried. Also, the Wertz Warriors will not be coming to St. Helen this year.

John Bawol reported that the St. Helen Lake Association Family Fun Fest was a success this year. There were more attendees overall and more people participated in the cardboard boat races.

12. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by John and Ray. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Bawol, Secretary