

St Helen Chamber of Commerce
September 24, 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, Kathy Jernigan, John Sutter were present. Ray Wlosinski was absent with notice for tonight's meeting. A quorum was present.
3. Additions to the Agenda – None
4. Introduction of Guests – Ed Bergeron and John Bawol were in attendance.
5. Approval of August 26, 2019 minutes- John Sutter made a MOTION to approve the minutes with no corrections. Kathy Jernigan supported. The MOTION carries.
 - A. Correspondence – None
6. Treasurer's Report – Kathy reviewed the expenses and receipts for September 2019. She briefly discussed the cost of having the Christmas banner hung up and removed. Board members will discuss this further in the future.
7. President's Report – Jan reported that no board members were present during this past Fireman's Festival Family Night, so the Chamber was not represented this year. She and Kathy will be attending a conference in Ludington Oct. 1 and 2. The Park Board and Friends of the Park noted their project is complete. Jan has been speaking to different individuals in search of members for the Chamber Board. More on this later in the meeting. The Veterans Helping Veterans walk is scheduled for October 5. Jan and Kathy will be attending.
8. Committee Reports
 - A. Membership – Kathy and Jan have secured a new business membership; Ed and Jan were successful last month. They have been speaking to other businesses in the community looking for additional new memberships.
 - B. Grants– Kathy has not worked on the grants this past month.
9. Old Business
 - A. Update on Raffle Changes – Ray attended this meeting and advised that no changes have been made in how raffles are facilitated.
 - B. Fish Fry - Kathy discussed the supplies she will be purchasing for this event. A total of 85 tickets have been sold. She will be setting up the room on Friday before the Saturday event.
 - C. Conference in Ludington – Jan and Kathy will be attending.
 - D. Annual Appreciation Dinner – Kathy will speak with JR this week regarding the use of the Firehouse Restaurant for this event. It will be pretty much the same as last year – 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold, some food choices may change however. Following discussion, the board agreed to move the event to Monday, November 4.
 - E. Halloween Decorating Contest – Vickie discussed the annual decorating contest and requested the board members to distribute flyers around the community. There are three categories with prize money for winner of each category.
10. New Business
 - A. Resignation of Board member – Connie Barton recently resigned from the Board. Kathy made a Motion to accept Connie's resignation with appreciation for the work she did, John supported. The MOTION carries.
 - B. Appointment of New Board members – Jan reported that Tula Alexander and Ed Bergeron have agreed to join the board. They will replace Bev VanMeter and Connie Barton who recently resigned. Kathy made a motion to accept Tula and Ed to finish out the terms of Bev and Connie ending in July 2020.

Name	Yea	Nay
Jan Waltz	X	
Kathy Jernigan	X	
John Sutter	X	
Janet Bawol	X	

The MOTION carries by roll call vote.

11. Items from Audience –

We Care Break-in – John discussed the recent break-in of We Care. Some change and money were taken and the main office was ransacked. Cameras have been installed in the interior of this building.

Improv Performance – John Bawol discussed his Improv group will be having their next show in Mid - November. Each player gets to choose their charity with the November show being John’s turn. He has chosen We Care. There was discussion of particulars such as time, location, etc.

Trunk or Treat – to be held on Saturday, October 26. More information to follow. Kathy made a MOTION to donate \$50.00 to the St. Helen Trunk or Treat, Ed supported. The MOTION carries. John Sutter abstained.

Scary Story Corner – John Sutter reported that he would like to start at Scary Story Corner during this year’s Trunk or Treat. Someone would be reading scary stories to the kids who attend this event.

MSU Extension – John Bawol discussed the MSU Extension 4-H in Roscommon and Crawford Counties is hosting a real live CLUE game on Saturday, November 2. John’s Improv group will be portraying the real-life CLUE characters. It will be held at Bambi Lake and will start at 5:00 p.m. with Hayrides and 6:00 Dinner, CLUE game and bonfires. Free admission to this event.

We Care Junior Volunteers – will be going door-to-door selling candy bars in the next couple of weeks.

12. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by John and Kathy. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Bawol, Secretary