



Saint Helen Chamber of Commerce

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Richfield Township Hall, 1410 N. Saint Helen Road, Saint Helen, Mi 48656

April 25, 2022

- I. Meeting Called to order at 6:00 p.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited by all
- II. Roll Call taken, Bev VanMeter , Jan Waltz, Kathy Jernigan , Ray Wlosinski, John Sutter (exc), Vijay Kumar, Barbara Wieck (exc.), Vickie Smith.
- III. Additions to agenda—None
- IV. Introduction of Guests—Lori & Mike Zrebski Mike announced that Mary A. Beebe, prosecuting attorney for Roscommon County would like to be a judge for the rib cook-off or any place else she could be helpful. It was decided that she will be welcome and the chamber would definitely find a place for her during the Kick Off. Mike also stated that the “Dirty Bluegill” baseball will be coming to St. Helen June 25 & 26th. The tournament consists of 11 teams, Vickie asked that he relay as much as info as possible to the chamber so we could promote. Lori Zrebski stated that she is a member of Faith Alive church and they are interested in getting involved with community events. Wants to have a table at the kick off. She also is trying to organize a “Blessing of the Ride” event---
- V. Motion by Bev VanMeter and seconded by Jan Waltz, to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2022 meeting. Motion Passed
- VI. Treasurer’s report submitted by Kathy Jernigan. Balance \$1165.48, reflecting all income & expenses. Report to be filed for future audit.
- VII. President’s Report – Ray attended the Easter Egg Hunt—good time. County is releasing some grant money. Ray is looking to see if our community can get any of these funds. Possibly \$5,000.00
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Memberships--- New board member Barbara Wieck has joined Kathy & Jan as the Membership Committee. She has been contacting some businesses, with some results .
 - b. Raffles--- Kathy hasn’t applied for the license yet for the alcohol cooler for the fireworks. Decided to apply for a license that doesn’t cost more than \$50.00. The value of the cooler should not be more than \$500.00, if that. Jan Waltz made a motion to apply for the license for \$50.00, seconded by Vijay Kumar. Motion passed.
 - c. Marketing Committee Report—
 - a) Everything is progressing for the quilt show. At marketing meeting it was decided that the ad should be placed with the Country Register by May 21st, to hit the July/August issue. For those wanting to acquire a new quilt block it is recommended that the medium density board be used. New store Gotcha Covered wants to be involved in quilt show.
 - b) The travel guide should be coming soon
 - c) May 18th is the Roscommon Expo and we will attend with a table
 - d) Considering resurrecting the GeoCache trails
 - e) M-55 byway projects are ongoing
 - f) Our Veterans Memorial has been chosen as one of seven for the honor ride to visit when they are out riding. They can be in St. Helen any time from May thru Sept.
 - d. ARPA Committee Report-Applications are done & should be on the township webpage What would be the suggestions from the chamber of commerce to use ARPA money. 30 flagpoles & 50 flags.
 - e. Summer Kick Off—Bev & Paul will be handling the corn hole tournament from 12-3pm. We will have a silent auction. We have 50 ice cream tickets from L&M Sweet Spot for the kids, we give the tickets and set the time for them to use at the sweet spot---Must be used on the 21st.

We will have a 50/50 drawing. Kathy will be having a Friday work session at the park to get things set up---need helpers there.

f. Office Manager Update—Nothing new at the office.

IX. Old Business

a. Marketing Meeting— covered in President’s Report (VII, c)

b. Melissa Sullivan Letter—the chamber will have a set up at the ORV Jam. Ray will handle the table in the pavilion during Labor Day Weekend.

X. New Business

a. Bake Sale --the chamber will hold a bake sale on April 29th to raise funds for the chamber. Vickie and Kathy will work on getting some signs created for outside. Post on marquee

b. No Snow Run Presence-will will have a table at the No Snow Run

c. Presence in various activities—chamber should make themselves available for various events.

d. Civic Association has closed permanently...no idea what will happen to building.

XI. Items from the Audience---see IV...introduction of guests.

XII. a. Good of Order---Bev suggested that at Christmas we wrap presents for a price....

XIII. Kathy Jernigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm, seconded by Vijay Kumar .

Respectfully,

Vickie Smith
Recording Secretary