



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

September 26, 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 (exc) , Jan Waltz, Kathy Jernigan , Ray Wlosinski, John Sutter , Vijay Kumar, Tina Carpenter, Shirley Karch and Vickie Smith.
- III. Additions to agenda—New Business: Summer Kick Off/Dirty Smoke BBQ, Winter Charity Ball, Over the road Banner Display Poles.
- IV. Introduction of Guests— Jerry Mynarcik & Pam Scott and Julie Darton/MSU Ext. and Justin Plunkett
- V. There was a motion by Vijay Kumar and seconded by John Sutter to approve May 23rd minutes. Motion passed
- VI. Treasurer's report --Kathy had no treasurers report prepared as the golf outing was the day before and she had no time to prepare it. She will do it within the next couple of days and submit to the board via email.
- VII. President's Report -- Kathy Jernigan and Ray Wlosinski went to Alma with Tracy Smith from Rosco/Higgins chamber to a conference put on by MSU Ext. Was very informative. Some of the topics; how to grow a small community, ideas for outdoor recreation, how to obtain grants and from who, to name a few.
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Memberships--- Memberships for the new year (July 1 thru June 30) are trickling in.
 - b. Raffles – none in the works right now
 - c. Marketing Committee Report –No meeting held for Sept. Next meeting Oct. 3rd 9:30 at St. Helen Chamber office
 - d. ARPA Committee Report-The suggestion was made by Ray will put in an application for 4 (four) banner poles to be installed at either end of town. The current poles do not hold well in windy, incimate weather. This suggestion was presented by Pam & Jerry for the chamber to apply for ARPA funds. Awaiting for a bid from Midland Steel for thepoles. Along with the poles, perhaps some sort of pully system could be included so there would be no need for a lift truck each time. Need a representative from the chamber to attend the next Garden Pathways meeting (Oct. 6 at 4:30) to discuss the disc golf.
 - e. Office Manager Update— Decorating contest begins for the month of October. Canisters will be at Sheffield, The Minnow Bucket & Township offices. Letters for the MEET & GREET are ready to mail, just waiting for the ballot to come out so we cover all candidates.
 - f. Quilt Block Trail Report—new block being created for Joanie Meyers home. Tickets are available for the show on Oct. 10th. Cedar Inn to rehang their block before 10/10.

- IX. Old Business
- a. Update of Golf Event – Went very well. 15 teams—60 golfers and 17 sponsors. Final Numbers will be submitted with treasurers report, but probably cleared about \$1,000.00
 - b. Tickets are available for the show. \$15.00 for everything, \$12.00 for lunch & show, \$5.00 for show only. Getting bids on sandwiches for boxed lunches.
 - c. Meet & Greet, discussed under office manager update
 - d. Update on Santa....we will alternate the Santas. Last year Dean Carpenter was Santa, this year we will offer to Jack Hawkins. If he accepts we will continue to alternate year to year. We already have a horse & wagon for Santa to ride on.
- X.
- a. Accept Bev VanMeters resignation. Kathy Jernigan made a motion to accept Bev's resignation of her position from the board, seconded by Vijay Kumar. Motion passed. Bev would still like to be involved in some events. Since the vacancy was already filled on the previous meeting, the vacancy to the board has been rescinded.
 - b. The October meeting date needs to be changed because it would fall on Halloween. Change the date to October 24th. Motion made by Jan Waltz and seconded by Shirley Karch to move date to the 24th. Motion passed.
 - c. Winter Charity Ball....Vijay has been looking into some items, spoke with Heather @ West Branch Chamber and got some ideas and contacts. Possible venues: The Barn or The American Legion Possibly hold this for New Years Eve or in January.
 - d. Summer Kick Off—Justin Plunkett has some new ideas—Hot Dog Eating Contest. Maybe have 3-4 pizza fundraisers. Joe Mama radio station to cover event. Maybe invite those with home built smokers to bring their creation to be judged. SWAG bags and prize money to be added.
 - e. Julie Darton/MSU Ext. spoke of the need for the Headly restoration that is on the Nov. 8 Ballot. It supports many resources and operations in the county. She also briefly explained that they offer classes and/or information on almost anything; septic systems, gardening, mold, lead, forestry, aquatic invasive species, cooking, 4H....to just name a few. She distributed business cards for future contacts.
- XI. Items from the Audience...
- a. The chamber should have a presence at the Trunk or Treat, Heroes Operation Oct. 8th. Fall Festival Oct. 22, Haunted Walk, ALA Craft Show Nov 5, Santa Coming to town Nov. 26.
 - b. Letter presented for donations to Trunk or Treat. The Chamber will provide \$100.00 for the Organizers to use as they see fit. Motion made by Kathy Jernigan to provide \$100.00 for the Trunk or Treat, seconded by Jan Waltz. Motion passed.

Motion made by Vijay Kumar to adjourn meeting at 7:24pm 2nd by John Sutter

Respectfully,

Vickie Smith
Recording Secretary