

Albion Chamber of Commerce-Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2022

Members Present: Chris Magnuson (P), Carla Fiandt (VP), Sandy Petrie (S), Sharon Leitch (T), Mariah Keirn, Ken Cripe, Kay Craig, Pattie Gatman, Steve Hook

Meeting was called to order at the CN board room by Chris at 12:05 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 9, 2022 meeting as well as the current treasurer's report since the last meeting were reviewed with Ken making a motion to approve the minutes and accept the treasurer's report. Mariah seconded, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance (12/13/21): **\$14,419.98**

Revenue: **\$560**

Dues: \$410

Flag Program: \$150

Expenses: **\$1689**

 Yahoo: \$23.99 (June internet)

 Woodland Water Gardens: \$32.01 (fountain lights)

 Catchy Creations: \$1,406 (new website)

 Secretary of State: \$22 (Business Entity update)

 Erie Insurance: \$205 (liability)

Bank Balance (9/12/22): **\$13,290.98**

Old Business:

Chamber Dues: Carla has removed organizations/businesses from the Chamber that have not paid dues this year. We are complete until 2023 renewals.

Goodwill Truck: Ken said the truck arrived on time this year and there were several vehicles waiting and ready. Kay said it was very busy the whole time with a lot of nice things donated. The truck was full. Kay said she was willing to continue chairing this project moving forward (but will, of course, need help!)

Website: The new website looks amazing. There are a few administrative glitches with emails and such, but Mariah will work with Lori Gagen to sort those out. It is possible that the site was hacked somehow.

Flowers/Fountain: Chris was able to get funding from several entities to put in new lights at the fountain. Steve will work with Lori on starting to think about shutting down the flower barrels, we usually start consolidating the good ones and slowly take away barrels as we go. Mariah reached out to Jamie Earnhardt about planting fall bulbs at the fountain. Jamie wanted an idea of budget for this. Sandy said that the KiPS money allocated for this year could go to that and also made a motion to have Mariah let Jamie order what she felt was best and just let us know. Kay seconded and motion approved.

Flag Program: We had a total of 61 sponsors. Carla will contact the Legion to arrange taking the flags down for the year. We left them up longer last year, but normally they come down some time after Labor Day and winds this year were rough.

New Business:

STAR team: The Star Team was given the budgeted \$500 to help with their fall activities

Chamber Plaques: Ken made a motion to pay Chris for the Chamber plaques she ordered in the amount of \$956.25, Kay seconded, motion approved. It was noted that we may go over budget this year, but that our balances support this.

Halloween Party: Monday, Oct 31, 7-8:30pm at the Fire Station. Carla will be purchasing needed supplies. Lot's of help is needed. Kay said that she should be able to bring a crew.

Christmas in the Village: Friday Dec 2nd. Tammy will be partnering with Andrea (Eric Custer's daughter) to do the parade this year with the understanding/hope that Andrea will take this project on. Steve Hook will let uptown businesses know about the event/parade and encourage them to participate in a way they feel they would like to. Sandy will see if Jim/Loree Sprague and Jennifer Steffey are willing to be the "Santa" team this year (They are!) and if Duber will let us again use his space at Doc's Rental for this. Sandy will also find out if the Library is doing the reindeer and what involvement the Lion's club may have with this. There was an idea that it might be fun to bring Santa in to town on a broken down sleigh that Tommy Leatherman rescues and brings in on a flatbed. We just need a sleigh and Tommy's buy in!

Ken's last year: Ken has said that we will be leaving the Chamber Board but will take us up to the annual meeting. There was a rumor that Sarah Reagan might be interested in taking his place on the board. Carla is looking in to this.

Announcements/Functions/Dates/Events:

Halloween: Oct 28th-STAR Team Scare on the Square; Oct 29th-NCPL Hogwart's Halloween; Oct 31-Chamber Halloween Party 7-8:30pm at the Fire Station

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be October 10th at noon at the CN Central Office board room.

Submitted: Sandy Petrie