

Albion Chamber of Commerce-Board Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2022

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

Also Present: Lori Gagen

Members Absent: Kay Craig, Pattie Gatman

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

Minutes: Minutes from the September 12, 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): **\$13,290.98**

Revenue: **None**

Expenses: **\$1,956.25**

STAR Team donation: \$500

Chris Magnuson: \$956.25 (Chamber plaques)

Town of Albion: \$500 (flowers)

Bank Balance (9/12/22): **\$11,334.73**

Old Business:

Website: Lori said that the new email addresses are working and the contact form on the website is up and running as well. Lori has updated event information for Christmas in the Village and will be putting up info about the Halloween Party. Chris will be adding Lori as an editor for our Facebook page so that Lori can easily upload info for that as well. Lori also said that she has updated some of the member information (like the Kountry Kitchen name change to Kountry Table) and updated links that she could find. Chris said that feedback about the website has been positive and that it is much cleaner and looks amazing.

New Business: Chris mentioned a new business in town called Dirt Boys (not sure about spelling). They have been given a free membership through 2023.

Flowers/Fountain: The CountryScapes flower bill this year was paid anonymously. The \$500 we gave the town for this is set aside for the flowers next year. We can use the 2023 budgeted \$500 for the fountain area.

Halloween Party: Kay and a team from The ARC have offered to help with the Halloween party and the set-up on Monday, October 31st. Several other Chamber members and volunteers will also be helping with this annual event at the Fire Station.

Christmas in the Village: Tammy is doing the light parade for one more year, Eric Custer has taken over the tree lighting, Doc's Hardware has volunteered their rental building for Santa again this year. And the Sprague's and Jennifer Steffey will be Santa's team again. Tommy Leatherman is checking his schedule about bringing in Santa and his sleigh, but if that doesn't work out, we will hopefully find someone in the parade willing to bring Santa into town. The businesses on the square have been invited to have open houses and/or sidewalk activities.

New Business:

2023 Budget: This was tabled.

Black Pine Donation: Black Pine asked us to help advertise their upcoming October 20th event that is free to all Albion Chamber members and their guests. The event is from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Ken made a motion to also donate \$250, Steve seconded, motion approved.

Chamber Annual Meeting: Preliminary planning dates are January 19 with January 26 as a back up.

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

Community Events: Oct 16-Burr Oak 150th Celebration 12-3pm; Oct 20-Black Pine After Hours Tour
4:30-6:30pm

Christmas in the Village: December 2 with parade at 6pm and Tree Lighting and Santa after.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be November 14th at noon at the CN Central Office board room.

Submitted: Sandy Petrie