

Pigeon Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2022

Present- Terry Brown, Karen Phillips, Michelle Shaw, Natasha Golder, Linda Walsh, Paulette Mancuso, Erica Kish, Kathy McQueen, and Sheila McBride.

Terry called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Secretary's Report-July's minutes was reviewed. No corrections need to be made. Michelle motion to approve the July's minutes, Sheila seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Farmer's Summerfest Wrap Up-Sheila had discussion of various advertising bills. The festival committee had discussed next year to scale back on the advertising. Terry thanked Sheila and Linda for all their hard work. Inflatables next year will have wet and dry inflatables because of unknown type of weather. Next year they will continue to have garage sales but no maps. If businesses are willing to help with the tours, we will continue doing tours. The tours have been successful. The food trucks will start at noon on Friday and Saturday only. No kids' games next year since businesses are struggling with ideas, staffing, etc. Businesses are on their own next year, and we will send out a letter letting businesses know our plans. Next year they are planning to incorporate the kids and adult parade into one because it was too hard for the Village of Pigeon to shut down the streets on both days. This year the parade was bigger and the spectators were down. The Friday night activity next year will consist of the crowning of the Queen, the Princess and Prince contest, and the baby contest. Thursday night our festival committee will not be working on entertainment but will promote anyone who wants to. If Dr. Mancuso does the Sunday car show, they will also promote it. If the Pigeon Historical Society decides to do another Sunday chicken BBQ, the festival committee will also promote them. They had a very successful BBQ this year. They even ran out of chicken. Things can change in the Farmer's Festival but they need help. Terry said that he already had two folks contact him about next year's festival dates. Food trucks were discussed and maybe not as many for next year. Erica gave us an idea to have a college intern help with running the festival.

Chamber's Website-There was a lot of discussion about our website. Sheila will email Matt Volz to give us an offer and tell us what he can do for the Chamber. We need new ideas to enhance our website. Michelle still needs help in getting the members up to date on the website.

Treasurer's Report-Natasha emailed the July's treasurer report and she said the queen expenses, banner, and Farmer's Festival ads already came out. Sheila motion to approve the July's treasurer report, Michelle seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Bills to Pay-There was discussion of ordering a couple of magnets for the Chamber's banner for future events. Terry said Lori needs to pay \$20.00 for the Chamber's annual license renewal fee for the Michigan Nonprofit Organization. Sheila motion to approve the \$20.00 renewal license fee, Natasha seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

New Business

Las Vegas Night Fundraiser-Sheila will check with Clark on use of tables. Lynn was going to check with Hills & Dales Hospital. Erica will check into it too. There was discussion of maybe having it in the month of March next year.

Ladies Night Out-There was discussion. We have no volunteers to head it up so we will leave it up the businesses.

Fall Harvest Celebration-Friday, October 7, 2022-Michelle, Karen, and Terry volunteered. Michelle and Karen will make up the flyer and incorporate it with the Retailers Bake Sale and the Fall Harvest wreath drawing give away from participating businesses. Terry will check into the entertainment for this event. There was discussion of starting the entertainment later in the day from 3 to 6 pm.

New Board Members-Terry said we need more folks involved and we still need to fill the secretary position this year.

Membership Dues-They are down so we need to work on this in the future.

Future Chamber Events/Scavenger Hunts-There was discussion. Erica discussed the idea of having movie night for both the adults and children

who are sixth grade and up at the Band Shell area or Farmer's Market and serving them popcorn and having them make up a cardboard car and being judged on it. We also discussed having high school children to man it. We could ask local businesses to save their cardboard boxes.

Halloween Trunk or Treat and Winsor Fire Department Hot Dog Roast-Monday, October 31, 2022-Sheila will head up the event.

Back to School Supply Drive-We will leave it up to the businesses to do their own back to school supply drive.

Event Calendar and Event Leaders-No changes.

May 20 through October, 2022 Farmer's Market-Duane
October 7, 2022 Fall Harvest Celebration-Michelle, Karen, & Terry
October 3-31, 2022 Fall Business Decoration Contest-TBD
October 31, 2022 Trunk or Treat & Winsor Fire Dept. Hot Dog Roast-Sheila
November 25, 2022 Christmas Town Lighting & Santa Visits-Lori Kemp
December 10-25, 2022 Residential and Business Holiday Lighting Contest-TBD
December 17, 2022 Holiday Market Place at Pigeon Event Center-Duane

Other Business: None.

Reminder our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next scheduled board meeting will be held at the Pigeon Event Center on Wednesday, September 14th, 2022, at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm.