

**Pigeon Chamber of Commerce  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2023**

**Present-** Terry Brown, Karen Phillips, Michelle Shaw, Lynn Polega, Kathy McQueen, Erica Kish, Richard Aymen, and Duane Wurst.

Terry called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

**Secretary's Report-**January's minutes was reviewed. No corrections need to be made. Duane motioned to approve January's minutes, Lynn seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report-** Emily emailed the treasurer's report for the entire year of 2022 for the annual meeting. Tabled January's treasurer report to next month. Terry said membership dues are coming in.

**Bills to Pay-**Terry ordered a plant for the grand opening of the Frankenmuth Credit Union. Chamber to be billed later. Terry discussed the grand opening of the Pigeon One Stop, the Cottage Inn, and the Frankenmuth Credit Union. The Chamber was well represented.

**New Business**

**Festival Committee Meeting-**today at 4:30 pm at Linda Walsh's home. This year will be their 50th year of having the Farmers' Festival in Pigeon. They need help with the festival-volunteers are welcomed.

**Membership Outreach-**There was discussion. Terry said this is a volunteer organization. We need more investment from our local businesses to survive. Erica suggested a reminder of the meetings on the morning of the meeting.

**2023 Vacation Guide Thumb Broadcasting WLEW-**Terry said the Chamber is reorganizing our advertising this year. Ric said he works on the guide in January and February each year. They distribute 50,000 vacation guides throughout the Thumb of Michigan and distributed via pdf and flipbook on Thumbnet.net. 10,000 vacation guides go to the Michigan Department of Transportation and they distribute to tourist spots. Ric said they also drop off guides to Huron County gas stations, motels, hotels, etc.

by Memorial Day weekend. The price of two pages of advertising is \$1,875 and two \$10 web links on Thumbnet.net flipbook totals \$1,895. It is only \$25 more than last year. There was discussion that we will use the other advertising companies for other future Chamber activities. Duane motioned to approve the two full pages of advertisement for the Farmer's Festival with the 2023 Vacation Guide with splitting the cost in half with the Farmer's Festival Committee, Michelle seconds. One page will be the Pigeon Farmer's Festival with Sheila in charge and the other page will be the Pigeon Chamber with Michelle in charge. Ric will work with Sheila and Michelle on the two pages. Terry will confirm it with the Farmer's Festival Committee.

**Nominations for 2023 Board Membership (no less than 9, no more than 15).** Terry addressed the concern for the election of the 2023 Board of Directors. He went over the listing of names and terms remaining and the officer positions to be filled. The term is three years. We need folks to volunteer.

**Annual Meeting-Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 6 pm** at the Pigeon Event Center. Terry handed out the postcard invites to the annual meeting for everyone to give out. He also handed out the agenda and the 2023 tentative list of events for the meeting. There was discussion of food for the meeting. We ordered 28 sandwiches, soup, and pasta from Main Street Family Restaurant. Erica will follow up with Main Street Family Restaurant on what items they will be furnishing along with the food and email us with the information. Lynn will have cupcakes or a dessert and it will be donated by A & D Home Health & Hospice. We are expecting 25 to 30 people in attendance. Each member bank will donate a case of water and help with the supplies needed for the meal. Terry invited Mike LePage, the president of the Village of Pigeon, to attend our annual meeting. Mike said he wasn't sure if he could attend. Ric suggested a donation jar to help cover expenses. Michelle will post the annual meeting on Facebook. Terry will make up hand outs for the attendees.

**Chamber's Website Team-Matt Volz, Amy, Michelle, and Terry.** Terry emailed Matt and there was no response. Michelle will follow up to get Matt's phone number and email address for Terry. Terry will try to contact Matt again.

## **Old Business**

**Future Events/Fundraisers**-Terry met previously with Katie Draher from Caseville regarding ideas for Chamber activities. There was discussion.

**Las Vegas/Silent Auction Fundraiser**-Terry said Sheila is working on the Las Vegas fundraiser. Terry will call Sheila to let her know that Erica said she will help with the event. We will need volunteers to help.

**Secretary Position**-Needs to be filled.

## **Other Business**

**Pigeon “The Early Years” and Pioneer History of Huron County, Michigan**-Duane discussed these two new books which he had edited, added pictures along with graphic art and design, and published. They are available to be purchased through Amazon.

**Pigeon Telephone’s Grant**-Terry is providing a letter to support the Pigeon Telephone’s grant for improved internet.

Terry thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**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, March 8th, 2023, at noon.**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.**