

**Pigeon Chamber of Commerce  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2019**

**Present-** Terry Brown, Karin Shetler, Karen Phillips, Sheila McBride, Natasha Golder, Shelly Gunden, Lynn Polega, Lori Kemp, Duane Wurst, Whitney Peyerk, and Lisa Di Camillo.

Terry called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Moment of Silence for victims and survivors of 911.

**Secretary's Report-**August's minutes were reviewed. No changes to be made. Sheila motions to approve the August's minutes; Lori seconds. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report-**Natasha discussed the report. She reported it was a slow month with no deposits and a couple of donations. No changes to be made. Karen motions to approve the August's report; Lynn seconds. All in favor.

**Bills-**\$300 for bean soup preparation to Nicole Webber.

\$59.63 for lunch for meeting held at the Village Hall to Cottage Inn

Shelly motions to approve the above expenses; Natasha seconds. All in favor.

**Advertising-**Discussed "The View's" proposal and it was declined.

### **Old Business**

#### **Website/Facebook**

Whitney will help with social media with the agreement that her husband's business will receive free membership.

The secretary will email a copy of all the approved Board meeting minutes from January through August 2019 to Chris Cosens to make up a folder on the website.

Shelly will email Chris's email address to Karen.

#### **Spotlighting Chamber Members**

This month was Northstar Bank and Shetler Carpet Cleaning.

Discussion on the promotion of businesses.

#### **Review of 2019 Farmer's Festival**

Sheila said the weather was nice and hot. They tried a dog show for the first time this year on Saturday. It was not well attended. There was a low number of attendance for the Bay Port Fish Co. tours. Bands were great! The attendance was down this year because of the heat and rain. They added the antique tractors this year. The mini tractor pulls next year will be spotlighted. Next year Sheila will ask the group who pulls the mini tractors to be part of the parade. They had a magician also this year. This year various businesses had games in tents verses being outside. It worked out better because

of the heat. Next year she is planning more food trucks and have them park behind the band speakers so they can hear their food orders. Sheila said the expenses totaled \$22,000 to put on the festival. Sheila said we haven't had new signs for years. She received a quote from "The Print Shoppe" for 4x8 one sided colored signs in the amount of \$105 each. She needs 9 signs. She said that the DP personnel would put the signs together. Sheila said they need \$1,890 to purchase the signs. Karin motions to give Summerfest \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of the new signs; Shelly seconds. All in favor.

We complimented Sheila for a job well done!

There was discussion of ideas for next year.

Duane suggested a barbecue with the tractor and car show on Sunday and keep the businesses open on Sunday with picnic tables set up in the Farmer's Market for people to sit and eat.

Lisa updated us on the Bingo tent during Farmers Fest. The GFWC Pigeon Area Women's club made \$207.

### **Review of BPSB/Winsor Fire Dept/ Scheurer Ambulance BBQ**

Karen commented they had a good turnout and nice weather. The fundraiser raised \$463.86 for both departments.

### **Back-to-School Supply Drive**

Shelly said it went well. The Youth for Christ sent an email stating that they would be interested in doing this for the Chamber next year.

### **Scheurer Auxiliary Golf Scramble-Scenic Golf Course**

Discussion of a lot of teams attended and it turned out good.

### **Community Float for Parades**

Lori received a check from the Pigeon Rotary for \$500 towards the float.

### **New Business**

#### **Fall Harvest Bean Soup and Bake Sale-October 4, 2019**

Flyers are out.

Lori will email the volunteer sign-up sheet.

Lori will check supplies.

Shelly will order the beans from the Pigeon Cooperative Elevator in the same amount as last year.

#### **Scarecrow Contest (Super Hero Theme)**

#### **Registration October 10, 2019 and judging October 11, 2019**

Flyers are out.

#### **November Kick-Off to Giving/Town Lighting with Thumb Bank & Trust**

Lori discussed there will be no pictures taken this year because they don't have a photographer.

Duane discussed that Berne Junction will also have a town lighting in their building.

**Trunk and Treat-Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 5:30 to 7 pm in the town parking lot**

Shelly will contact the Winsor Fire Dept. to grill the hot dogs.

We may need to purchase hot dogs and buns if we receive no donations.

**Annual Chamber Dues and Annual Chamber Meeting**

Lori will be sending out Chamber due letters by October 1, 2019.

The date of the annual Chamber meeting will be announced at a later date for some time in the month of January 2020.

**Other Business**

**Mission Statement Development: "Why do we exist?" (Problem/Needs to Address as well as building upon community strengths) List Responses**

Terry has requested ideas to be emailed to him by the next meeting.

**Future Event Dates**

Scheuer Auxiliary Purse Sale-September 12, 2019 from 7-4 in the Birch Room at Scheurer

**Next scheduled Board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at noon at the Village Hall.**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.**