

**PIGEON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2021
Via Zoom**

Present: Terry Brown, Carol Brown, Karen Phillips, Lynn Polega, Lori Kemp, Sheila McBride, Karin Shetler, Natasha Golder, James Childs, Duane Wurst, Richard Aymen, Mike LePage, Paulette Mancuso, Salvatore Mancuso, Fred Orr, Marsha Macintosh, and Richard Wills.

Terry recognized each participant as they attended the meeting.

Call to Order: The annual business meeting was called to order by President, Terry Brown, at 5:04 p.m.

Opening Statement: Terry thanked everyone for attending the meeting via Zoom and asked everyone if they received the attachments from the annual meeting email. He welcomed and thanked the local businesses for their sponsorship and support during the year even during the pandemic.

Secretary Report: The previous year's annual meeting minutes from January 14, 2020, were attached to the annual meeting email. No changes to be made. Sheila motions to approve, Lynn seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Terry thanked Karen and the assistant secretaries that filled in for a job well done and also thanked Karen for the drafting the annual review.

Treasurer Report: Natasha attached her treasurer's report to the annual meeting email. Natasha reports it was a different year from last year not a whole lot of activity this year. Balance sheet looks the same. Profit and loss and income and expenses are about the same as last year. We did put monies into advertising this year for our Chamber businesses. Terry commented the treasurers did a great job. Terry said because of the cancellations due to the pandemic this year we lost income not the expenses. Lori discussed the membership dues are mostly in now and the changes in the sponsorship levels. She figured 75 to 80% membership dues have been received. No changes to be made. Karin motions to approve, Karen seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Report of the President/2020 Event Summary: Terry thanked everyone for their work and participation with the Chamber. This year was uniquely challenging. Many events were cancelled due to the pandemic. He was proud of the Chamber members and the Board. He reported Whitney Peyerck informed us that she will no longer be on the Chamber board but she will continue to update our Chamber's Facebook. Anne Eichler has been giving us innovative ideas using the internet for events. Last year we didn't purchase a trailer and we are looking for someone to design our float. Please let one of our Board members know if you know of someone. Before the pandemic started, we had plans to move our monthly board meeting around to various businesses. Terry thanked James Childs from Champagne Funeral Chapel for opening his business up for one of our meetings.

We have been productive with our monthly via Zoom meetings. Terry thanked our local businesses and members.

Karen read the 2020 event summary (review) which was attached to the annual meeting email.

Mike LePage commented on the Winsor Fire Department giving out Christmas monies to the Pigeon residents on December 23rd. He said the event went over well and the Village of Pigeon donated \$1,000 along with other donations from other various businesses and organizations. He thanked Lori for doing a great job disbursing the gift certificates. He thanked Nick Pavlichek and the Winsor Fire Department for the idea and the great job well done. Lori commented the Chamber donated \$1,800 instead of \$1,500. Mike introduced and welcomed Marsha Macintosh and Richard Wills from Cornerstone Automotive LLC for bringing their new business to Pigeon. Marsha thanked everyone for the community support. She also welcomed the Pigeon Chamber to their business for a future meeting. Mike said we can use the Pigeon Event Center also for our monthly meetings so we can continue social distancing.

Terry commented on the Farmers Market and thanked Duane Wurst for doing a nice job running the market.

**Election of Board of Directors (No less than 9 or more than 15):
Nominations for Board of Directors for 2021:**

Amy Guster-2 yrs.	Lori Kemp-1 yr.
Anne Eichler-2 yrs.	Lynn Polega-2 yrs.
Duane Wurst-3 yrs.	Natasha Golder-3 yrs.
Esther Hill-1 yr.	Paulette Mancuso-3 yrs.
Karen Phillips-1 yr.	Sheila McBride-2 yrs.
Kathy McQueen 3 yrs.	Terry Brown-3 yrs.
Kim Klein-3 yrs.	

Terry said we lost Shelly Gunden as a board member but she continues to help us tremendously with the Chamber events. Whitney Peyerk is no longer on the board as previously stated. Karin Shetler resigned to have more time to spend with her growing family that lives in another state. Terry commented she has done a good job for the Chamber and we appreciated her help. We will plan to call her if we need help in the future. Terry went over the Board of Directors nominations remaining. Mike LePage nominated the slate of the Board of Directors. Lynn motions to approve, Lori seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Other Business:

Terry commented hopefully we can get back on course again and we will continue to email agendas for upcoming meetings.

Karen requested an email address from Marsha Macintosh for the Chamber. The email address is cornerstonemi@yahoo.com.

Mike LePage announced the Pigeon Ice Rink will be opened on January 22, 2021. The snow hill will be opened too. It is advertised on the Village Facebook page.

2021 Farmer's Summerfest: Sheila said it is scheduled for July 15th through July 18th. She is hoping the pandemic goes away. Dueling Pianos will be scheduled sometime in April if the numbers allow her to for the Summerfest. Last year the 2020 Scenic Golf outing was a huge success with 64 teams participating and

Scenic did a great job. She will have another golf outing this year. Mike LePage has events scheduled for this year's Farmer's Summerfest.

Adjournment:

Terry thanked everyone and said when we look around at other communities, we have been blessed. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike LePage and supported by Lynn Polega. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Old Business - Review of 2020

January 14 Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting was held at The Other Place/El Rio at 6:00 p.m. with 20 people in attendance. President Terry started the meeting, Misty read last year's annual minutes, Natasha reviewed the annual treasurer report, Karin 2020's tentative schedule of events, Sheila spoke about 2019 Farmer's Summerfest and the plans for 2020 Farmer's Summerfest, Duane discussed Farmers' Market, Karen discussed the successful events conducted by the Chamber in the past year, we had the election of Board of Directors, and Terry thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting. The Chamber then provided a dinner to include a taco bar and dessert.

February 5 Board Reorganization & Election of Officers

The Board voted to elect the following Officers:

President-Terry Brown-Agri-Valley Services

**Vice President- Karin Shetler-Shetler's Plumbing
And Heating,**

Treasurer-Lori Kemp-Thumb Bank & Trust

Secretary-Karen Phillips-Bay Port State Bank

**Assistant Secretary-Misty Rogers-Independent Bank
& Lynn Polega-A & D Home Health & Hospice Care**

**Assistant Treasurer-Natasha Golder-Nietzke &
Faupel PC**

March 20 Dueling Pianos & Guys in Disguise

Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

April 11 Easter Egg Hunt

Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

May 7 Ladies Night Out

Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

June through October Pigeon Farmers' Market

This is the eighth year with the Farmers Market with various vendors. It was successful and the local people were very pleased having it in our town of Pigeon. It was opened every Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Duane Wurst organized and managed the market. The variety of vendors were open to the public and located in the Pigeon Farmers' Market pavilion with special events planned every week. This past year the vendors sold baked goods, jams, produce, flowers, plants, jewelry, hair accessories, crafts, homemade candles, crochet items, quilts, purses, and much more. A special thank you goes to the Pigeon Village Council for letting us use the building and Duane Wurst doing a great job!

June 6 Farmer's Summerfest BBQ Fundraiser with Bay Port State Bank

Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

July 15-18 Garage Sale & Sidewalk Sales Weekend

Various homes and businesses in and outside of town participated in this event. There were 13 garage sale participants. This helps with bringing people into our town to shop.

July 16-19 Farmer's Summerfest

Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic and the unknown restrictions that will be in place. This was a very hard decision for the Committee and the Chamber.

July 17 2020 Farmer's Summerfest "We Are All In This Together" Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship

The Farmer's Summerfest Committee decided to put the ladies and men's golf tournaments into one at the Scenic Golf & Country Club. They offered hole sponsorships for \$50 per hole and if you wanted to spend time at the tournament promoting your business or service, you were able to do so. They had very good attendance and was very successful. Sheila did a great job on the golf tournament.

August 1-29 Back to School Supply Drive in Retail Businesses

Various businesses participated throughout town having a collection box in their place of business for donated school supplies for the Laker Schools' children who needed assistance in starting up for the new school year.

October Fall Harvest Celebration

The free bean soup and bake sale was cancelled this year due to COVID-19.

Oct. 19 Painted Pumpkin Contest

This event changed due to COVID-19 instead we replaced it with a virtual "painted pumpkin contest" for the businesses on the Chamber's Facebook. The judging took place on October 19th. The first and second place winners were sponsored on our Facebook and website and received Pigeon monies.

We also added a virtual Halloween Costume Contest for children on our Chamber's Facebook using public voting for a first, second, and third prize winners of Pigeon monies.

Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat

This event was cancelled this year due to COVID-19 instead we did virtual Halloween games for the children to enjoy.

November Town Lighting Celebration/Visit with Santa

This event was cancelled this year due to COVID-19. The Chamber had a Christmas Digital Artwork Contest on Facebook. The Chamber gave out Pigeon monies for three first prize winners, three second prize winners, and three third prize winners according to various age groups (4-7, 9-12, 13 years and up).

Dec. 18 Resident Town House Light Contest

The Chamber gave out Pigeon money prizes for \$100, \$75, and \$50 for the best lit homes in Pigeon. First prize winner was Jacob's-Scheurer Street, second prize winner was Yackle's-Richardson Road, and third prize winner was Williams-Charles Street.

Dec. 23 Santa Gave out Monies to Pigeon Residents

The Winsor Fire Department had a great idea to have Santa ride along on the fire truck and they went from house to house in the town of Pigeon and gave out \$10.00 gift certificates to a Pigeon restaurant. There was donations

totaling over \$7,000 from various Pigeon businesses and the Chamber. The Chamber donated \$1,800 that was set aside from the Town Lighting Celebration that was cancelled.