

**Pigeon Chamber of Commerce**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 13, 2022**

**Present-** Lynn Polega, Karen Phillips, Michelle Shaw, Natasha Golder, and Sheila McBride.

Lynn called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm.

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

There was discussion of the future of the Chamber.

**Treasurer's Report-**Natasha emailed the June's treasurer report and said the balance reported in the checking account is \$5000 after paying \$500 towards the fireworks and some Pigeon monies came through. Sheila motion to approve the June's treasurer report, Michelle seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

**Bills to Pay-**Sheila questioned what does our insurance cover for the Chamber? Natasha said that Lori takes care of it, and she will check into it and get back with us. Michelle ordered a new float banner from eSign for \$216.54. We told her a job well done! She asked to be reimbursed for the sign. Natasha will give Lori the bill. Terry said he would contribute \$100 towards the banner. Sheila motion to have the Chamber pay for the float banner not Terry plus pay \$100 if needed to a float driver for the Pigeon Farmer's Summerfest parade, Natasha seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Lynn will remind Marion Shetler from Joe Ricci's McCormick Motors to have the pickup ready for the parade. Regarding the parade participants Terry needs to pay, Sheila said the festival monies will pay them not the Chamber.

**New Business**

**Future Chamber Fundraisers-**There was a lot of discussion. Sheila will look into a Las Vegas event after the Summerfest.

**Bay Port State Bank Farmer's Summerfest BBQ Fundraiser-**

Contribution was amazing! Karen emailed the board members a summary of the contribution along with a detailed listing of the previous years' history. The fundraiser raised \$2,121.34 this year. Karen thanked Lynn, Natasha, and all the Laker NHS students who helped with the BBQ.

**Michigan Sugar Festival Parade-**June 18th was a success! It was a very windy day and Terry said it was very hard on the float. Terry was the float driver. He said his family and himself spent hours repairing the float.

**Bad Axe Chamber Reps Meeting-**Terry met with them on June 9, 2022, at 1:30 pm. They are struggling too with membership, volunteers, and fundraising.

**Farmer's Summerfest Update-**Sheila said they need volunteers for Saturday, July 23rd, for ax throwing, selling tickets during Happy Hour, parade announcing, and parade helpers to stand at the corners for line up. Sheila passed out tickets to sell. Sheila said the expenses this year have increased tremendously for everything. Fireworks is happening. The contributors for the fireworks are the Pigeon Rotary \$1,000, Pigeon Lions \$1,000, Village of Pigeon \$2,000, and the Pigeon Chamber \$500. They cancelled this year's baby contest because of only two contestants. Call Linda Walsh if you'd like some tickets to sell or if you want to help during the events.

**Chamber's Website-**Michelle has an updated list of the Chamber members from Lori. Michelle will email Natasha to verify the updated list. Sheila said to have Michelle email her the updated list and she will have Chris make the changes.

**Farmer's Market-**Duane was not able to attend. There was discussion.

**Float for Bay Port and Elkton Parades-**Terry suggested to cancel unless someone steps forward to drive and take on the float repair. Terry's family spent several hours over the Holiday weekend repairing and replacing sheets that were torn up due to the wind during the Sebewaing event. Sheila suggested for future parades using a new pickup to put the queen in. There was discussion and we all agreed. Sheila motion to not having a float in the Caseville and Elkton parades this year, Michelle seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

**New Board Members-**We still need to fill the secretary position this year.

**Event Calendar and Event Leaders-**No changes.

May 20 through October, 2022 Farmer's Market-Duane  
July 21, 2022 Ladies Summerfest Golf Outing  
July 21-23, 2022 Town Wide Garage Sales-Linda Walsh  
July 21-24, 2022 Farmer's Summerfest-Sheila  
July 22, 2022 Men's Summerfest Golf Outing  
July 23, 2022 Farmer's Summerfest Grand Parade, 11 am-Terry  
August 1-20, 2022 Back to School Supply Drive in Retail Businesses-TBD  
September, 2022 Ladies Night Out-TBD  
October 7, 2022 Fall Harvest Celebration-Matt  
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, August 10th, 2022, at noon.** Terry will email the agenda and Lynn will run the meeting since Terry will be absent.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm.**