

**Pigeon Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2022**

Present- Terry Brown, Karen Phillips, Michelle Shaw, Natasha Golder, Lynn Polega, Erica Kish, and Anne Eichler.

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

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

Terry commented we are still in need of filling the secretary position on the Chamber Board.

Treasurer's Report-Natasha emailed the May's treasurer report and said the report shows the checking account has normal entries for advertising, received vendor payments, and Pigeon monies came through. Anne motion to approve the May's treasurer report, Michelle seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Notes from Lori Kemp-her major concern is the general funding of the Chamber's checking account of having enough funds to cover the approved expenses coming in shortly along with the insurance payment. Lori emailed Terry the updated Chamber member listing and Terry gave everyone a copy. The members that are highlighted in yellow are the paid Chamber members. There was discussion of following up on the member listing. Terry will have Lori send a second letter to remind the members who didn't pay. We will look at the member listing in 30 days and then if needed, we will follow up on them. Lori reminded us of the Santa stuff, the Laker Giving Tree, and the Huron County Toys for Tots donation.

Bills to Pay-None.

New Business

BBQ Fundraiser-Chamber and Bay Port State Bank scheduled for Thursday, June 9th, 2022, from 10 am to 3 pm-The monies made will be donated to the 2022 Farmers' Summerfest. Karen said she had emailed Jeff

Etzel at the Laker School asking for student volunteers to help with the fundraiser and he emailed back a listing of NHS students who will be helping. The work schedule was full except for one driver and Lynn said she would help deliver meals.

Pigeon Rotary-Terry went to a Rotary meeting. He passed around a flyer for registering to join us for the Farmer's Summerfest Grand Parade on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at 11:00 am sharp. Terry also had the chance to speak to the Rotary about the Chamber needing help with the parade, talked about fundraising, new blood, think about people in the community to get involved, and volunteer as a parade driver. There was discussion and concern about the future of the Chamber.

Bad Axe Chamber Reps Meeting-They contacted Terry to meet with him on June 9, 2022, at 1:30 pm.

Michigan Travel TV-Terry received an email from them and presented it. This is digital resource that will be shown 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in the high-traffic lobby areas of the Michigan DOT Welcome Centers/rest stops. There was discussion and we feel it wouldn't help our area.

2022 Michigan Sugar Festival Parade-Saturday, June 18, at 10:30 am. Terry said he filled out the parade entry and he will be the driver of the float. Terry handed out the parade entry form.

Farmer's Summerfest Parade-There was discussion of previous parade drivers. Lynn will call Marion Shetler from Ricci's McCormick Motors in Pigeon to see if they would be willing to be a parade driver.

Chamber's Future-Terry wants to set up a meeting with Michael LePage, the Village President, to talk about the future of the Chamber.

Farmer's Summerfest-Sheila was unable to attend the meeting today. Linda Walsh will drop off cash raffle tickets to Michelle to sell for the Chamber at the BBQ. Terry handed out this year's Farmer's Summerfest flyer/brochure. There was discussion. The fireworks are a go for now. We approved \$500 previously which is our share yet to come out of the checking account.

Chamber's Website-Michelle will update the Chamber members on the website. Karen has already updated the current Board members.

Float-Terry discussed the banner and sent Duane the dimensions to help cover the Wing Fling portion of the banner which is 32 x 8 inches, the size of the entire banner is 81 x 52 inches, and in order to cover the dates on the banner it is 32 x 8 inches. There was discussion of ordering online through eSign.doc a new banner and it would take up two days for delivery. It would consist of a heavy duty and double-sided banner. Terry will take the measurements on the banner tomorrow and email them. There was discussion on the design of a new banner. Tabled for review for the next meeting the purchase of the float banner. Terry said that Linda and John Walsh are the parade marshals.

Farmer's Market-The banner sign was replaced by the Pigeon Village. The Farm 2 You food truck has been at the Farmer's Market.

Event Calendar and Event Leaders

May 20 through October, 2022 Farmer's Market-Duane
June 9, 2022 BBQ Fundraiser with Bay Port State Bank-Michelle
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

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, July 13th, 2022, at noon. Terry will email the agenda and Lynn will run the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.