

Pigeon Chamber of Commerce

Jun 14, 2023

Pigeon Event Center

Present: Erica Kish, Sheila McBride, Kathy McQueen, Duane Wurst, Lori Kemp, and Terry Brown

Terry called the meeting to order at 12:03.

Sheila moved the approval of minutes for 5/10/23, seconded by Duane. The minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was presented. It was a pretty quiet month financially. We had another \$100 of membership dues come in, as well as a \$150 donation to the Pigeon Money fund from Cross Lutheran. The only bill paid in May was the WLEW advertising bill. You will notice there is a \$500 deposit to Summerfest Donations and a \$500 transfer to Summerfest. The Lions Club Summerfest donation was mistakenly marked as membership dues and initially deposited into the general fund. After talking with the Lions Club and Summerfest, the money was transferred to the Summerfest account. All cash accounts still have a good balance in preparation for Summerfest.

Note: Two payments to WLEW: \$1895.00 for the Vacation Guide (price split with Festival Committee) and \$218 for Lady's Day Out and both had been approved in an earlier meeting.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Sheila and seconded by Kathy. The motion passed

Terry reported that Lady's Day Out seemed successful. It was noted that there were lots of people in town. Duane said the farmer's market was very well attended and supported that day. With the extra traffic.

The Hot Dog Fundraiser at BPSB was very successful again this year. They sold out of Brats early and were out of buns before the event ended. We will get a report of the total sales at a later meeting. Thanks for all for helping at these events

Members present also said the Johnny T Tournament (1st weekend in June) and Scheurer Summer Celebration (June 2th) was great fun and had fantastic turnouts.

In new business, Terry reported that the Sebewaing Sugar Fest Queen's Car will be Driven by Kim Clunis.

It was moved by Sheila and seconded by Kathy to present Kim with \$100 of Pigeon Money for driving in the parade. The motion was approved unanimously.

Terry and Sheila reported that the Farmer's Summerfest planning is going well. We could use some extra people to sell raffle tickets on Friday and Saturday, especially during the concerts. Lori said she'd see if the bank can get some volunteers to help. The tickets this year include gift baskets and gift certificates from businesses as additional winning opportunities. Sheila will try to get the gift baskets on the Friday of the festival and have them ready for the drawing. The Raffle Tickets are for Sale for \$5 at several locations and Linda Walsh can get us more if you let Terry or Sheila know.

Terry asked if people would try to find some helpers for the parade line-up for Sat, July 22 at 8 am on Hartley. Call Terry if you have some volunteers.

Terry got a list of previous marshals (see end). He will order a banner of the list to post at the Band Shell. We may later consider a plaque for placement at the Event Center or other public location that can be updated as names are added. Sheila formally nominated Don and Donna Wheeler as the 2023 Pigeon Farmers' Summerfest Grand Parade Marshals. The motion was seconded by Erica and passed unanimously. Sheila will contact Adam Armbruster to see if he can arrange a tractor and wagon to pull the marshals through the parade and Terry will order signs for the wagon.

Terry reminded the group that the T-Shirts are \$15 and Sheila said they are going fast. You can get one at the One Stop Shop.

Sheila found a glitch with our forms on our website. When using a phone, the site is not working to get to at least some of the sign-up forms. She has let Erica R know to look into it.

Erica K asked that we approach our businesses for baskets for both the women's and men's golf tournaments. Please let her know if your company will donate one.

Terry reminded the group that we are in our 2nd year without an official treasurer. Lori has continued to help us, but we are in desperate need to get someone in this vital position.

The Chamber got a note of thanks from Sheila. She and others in our little circle of volunteers are dealing with tough situations and all of us appreciate the support we are getting from each other. All the outpourings of love in our community really do make a difference. Thanks.

Our next Meeting: Noon on July 12 , 2023, AVS Office as the Lion's Safari is at the Event Center that day. Duane moved for adjournment and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:50.

Respectfully Submitted by Terry Brown

Grand Marshals through the years

1986 Donna Limberger - In Memory of Ralph Limberger
1987 Ted & Peg Leipprandt
1988 Don & Verona Dast
1989 Mel & Dorothy Baerwolf
1990 Eleanor Eicher Trost
1991 In Memory of Roy Lawrence
1992 Clarence & Phyllis Gettel
1993 Bud & Virginia Schaaf
1994 Joe & Emma Maust
1995 Wes & Verda Dast
1996 Donna Limberger
1997 Don & Jessie Otto
1998 Elmer & Joyce Bussema
1999 Clare & MariAnne Dast
2000 Butch & NovaJean Miller
2001 Gene & Ruth Hamilton
2002 Luke & Cora Yoder
2003 Clara Scheurer & Ann Marie Clabuesch
2004 Marlin & Marian Rathje
2005 Jim & Cozy McCormick
2006 Floris Wertz - In Memory of R. Dale Wertz
2007 Gil & Naomi Wichert
2008 Pauline Eichler
2009 Werner Clabuesch & Wendolyn "Doc" Clabuesch
2010 Orville & Millie Schuette
2011 Robert Richmond
2012 Bob & MaryLou Fluegge
2013 Clayton Esch
2014 Bernie & Norma King
2015 Glenn & Vicki Turner
2016 John & Dianne Kohr
2017 Ron & Janet Heckman
2018 Al & Joanne Abbot
2019 Dave Geiger
2020 COVID !!!!!!!!!
2021 Neal & Annie Eichler
2022 Linda and John Walsh
2023 Don and Donna Wheeler
