

**Pigeon Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022**

Present- Terry Brown, Michelle Shaw, Emily Nichols, Kathy McQueen and Annie Eichler.

Terry called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Secretary's Report-November's minutes was reviewed. No corrections need to be made. Kathy motioned to approve November's minutes, Annie seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report-November reports were reviewed. Emily reported November was quiet. Interest and Pigeon monies came in, etc. In November we spent more money on donations, advertising, flowers, insurance, etc. Karen motioned to approve the treasurer's report for September and October, Amy seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Bills to Pay-\$78.47 to Sheila for Trunk or Treat. After the meeting, Terry emailed the following items to the board member for their response in favor of paying \$340 to Haist Flowers, Harjo's for \$311, Lori for another \$100, and WLEW (Monthly content is pre-approved already), but there is an additional amount for advertising for a grand total of \$938.75 and The View for \$129. All in favor.

GFWC Pigeon Area Woman's Club-5th Annual Gingerbread Brunch was held on Wednesday, November 30th, at the Pigeon District Library was successful. They were happy but are always looking for more attendance.

Chamber's Website Team-Matt Volz, Amy, Michelle, and Terry will meet as soon as Matt has made some progress in the design & development on the new website.

Farmer's Market-Duane was unable to attend. Terry said the Holiday Farmer's Market will be Saturday, December 17th, from 9 am to 3 pm at the Pigeon Event Center. Duane is seeking twenty vendors or more.

Huron County Toys for Tots-Karen was unable to attend, she will provide a report at the January meeting.

Town Lighting-Friday, November 25, 2022, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm- The Town Lighting & Santa was a huge success! Santa had over 200 kiddos visit him. We did run out of gifts and then we gave out \$10 Pigeon Money to local restaurants & Ben Franklin. I made up 75 and we had 17 left. I also gave our student volunteers (13) one of them also. You have the remaining 17 of them.

The donations from our Chamber Members for drawing prizes was amazing!! Mostly thanks to Michelle! Great job! We gave out 19 kids prizes, 20 teen prizes & 41 adult prizes. Donors were- Bay Port State Bank, Buchholz Trucking, Baily's Insurance, NorthStar Bank, Thumb Bank & Trust, Fae Laume Photography, Main Street Family Restaurant, Farmers Insurance-Shaw Agency, Shetler Plumbing & Heating, Harjo's Ben Franklin, Ignash Petroleum, Cottage Inn, Amy's of Pigeon, Pigeon District Library, Agri-Valley, Orr Drug's & Pigeon Chamber.

Annual Meeting Date/Place/Ideas-Terry passed around the membership for input from members on changes. The Annual Meeting Tentative Date is Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 6 pm at the Event Center. Terry requested ideas on food.

Village Residential and Business Christmas Lighting Contest-Judging will be complete on Friday, December 16th, 2022- 14 area businesses and 7 residences will be judged with the 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place winners for both business and residential receiving \$100, \$75 & \$50 respectively.

New Board Members-Terry said we still need to fill the secretary position this year and next. We may need a treasurer next year. Who will take this on? What is our next move?

New Business

Article Correction on Santa's Visit

Terry emailed Dominic Sevilla regarding a correction or edit to the article regarding Santa's visit to include the names of the Pigeon Chamber Businesses who donated gifts to the event. Dominic recommended a "Year in Review" article and will interview Terry for the information.

Santa House Refresh

Lori stated that the Santa house needs some real attention. It could use a paint job, inside & out, the background needs some serious attention & the indoor, outdoor carpet may want to be looked at also. She thought that maybe the schools' NHS students that need some volunteer hours would like to work on it, if the Chamber would supply the materials. It's mobile and we may even be able to take it out to the school where they can work on it as they have time. They might even have an idea what to do with the background. A motion was made to approve \$300 to refresh Santa's house, approved by Michelle, seconded by Annie.

Event Calendar and Event Leaders

November, 2022 Laker Giving Tree

November 25, 2022 Christmas Town Lighting, Children & Adult Drawings,
& Santa Visits-Lori Kemp

November 30, 2022 GFWC-Pigeon Area Women's Club Gingerbread
Brunch-Paulette Mancuso

December 10, 2022 Huron County Toys for Tots Distributions

December 10-25, 2022 Scheurer Health Auxiliary Lights of Love-
Scheurer.org/lights

December 16, 2022 Village Residential and Business Holiday Lighting
Contest

December 17, 2022 Holiday Market Place at Pigeon Event Center-Duane

2023

February 15, 2023 Annual Meeting – Event Center at 6 pm

Other Business: None.

Terry thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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, January 11th, 2022, at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.