

**PIGEON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2022
Via Zoom**

Present: Terry Brown, Carol Brown, Karen Phillips, Natasha Golder, Richard Aymen, Paulette Mancuso, Stephen Mancuso, Anne Eichler, and Neal Eichler.

Terry recognized each participant as they attended the meeting.

Call to Order: The annual business meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Brown, at 6:06 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. He then apologized for the zoom meeting.

Secretary Report: The previous year's annual meeting minutes from January 21, 2021, were attached to the annual meeting email. No changes to be made. Paulette motion to approve, Neal seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Terry thanked Karen and Lynn for a job well done and thanked Karen for the drafting of the annual review.

2022 Farmer's Summerfest: Terry said the Summerfest has changed dates and is scheduled for July 21st through July 24th. They are planning for more food trucks, paintball, and various activities, and additional events. Sheila McBride will be heading it up again this year.

2021 Farmer's Market: Terry said the Farmer's Market had a record year. They even held a Farmer's Market during the Harvest Festival at the Pigeon Event Center this past year and had good attendance and the vendors were happy. Terry said Duane Wurst did a nice job running the market.

2021 Event Summary/Report of the President: Karen read the 2021 event summary (review) which was attached to the annual meeting email.

Terry thanked everyone for their work and participation with the Chamber. This year once again was uniquely challenging during the pandemic. He was proud of the Chamber members and the Board. Terry thanked our local businesses and members. He discussed that this year's Harvest Festival was outstanding. The Flashbacks was fabulous, and it was nice weather. People were walking through the town. Terry said over the past two years the Chamber has scrambled and concerned not fully recovered. Some businesses didn't continue their membership dues and we didn't pursue efforts to collect the dues. We have decided not to do a new float. The Pigeon Rotary contributed \$500 towards the purchase of a trailer. We must wait till more dues come in. During the pandemic terms have expired. 2021 Farmers Summerfest was among the most enjoyable event. Regarding the Farmer's Market, we are asking for help and Duane would like to have a committee. Terry discussed the need to get help with the Chamber and asked the businesses to step up. He reminded the businesses to thank their employees that are board members and give them the recognition and let them work on it during work time. He encouraged businesses to have their personnel participate in various Chamber events. Terry had a tab placed on the Chamber's website to include a volunteer form which can be filled out online. The Chamber would like your help in letting your employees know about the volunteer form. Terry discussed the banner ads that highlight different Chamber events every month on Thumbnet.net. Ric from WLEW called it a floater and the ad is located at the bottom of each page and a series of ads flash to a different page. He said they have 10,000 unique devices searching their site in a day's use. Ric said he has been working with Lori and he will need someone to replace her. Terry said we will work on that at our next meeting. Ric also said he is working on a new station from Pigeon and in the stage presently with FCC. There was discussion about the future of the Chamber. Natasha motion to approve the event summary, Anne seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Natasha attached the treasurer's report to the annual meeting email. Natasha discussed the comparison of years by looking at the profit and loss statement. Membership dues were down. They were more events in 2021 versus 2020 because of the pandemic. There were approximately \$8,000 of membership dues flowed through in January 2022. She explained the various events along with the expenses, etc. We are hoping more membership dues come in the first part of 2022. Pigeon Chamber monies of \$5930 went back into the various town businesses. Neal said he appreciated this as a past restaurant

owner. Terry commented the treasurers did a great job. No changes to be made. Karen motions to approve, Anne seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Election of Board of Directors (No less than 9 or more than 15):
Nominations for Board of Directors for 2022:**

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

Nominations for new Board of Directors for 2022 for 3-year term:

Erica Kish, Northstar Bank
Michelle Shaw, Bay Port State Bank
To Be Determined, Thumb Bank

Terry mentioned we need directors, no less than we already have. Terry commented on the experienced directors expiring and how they will be missed. He does have three nominations for new directors. He commented they will need time to adjust with their new positions on the board. The next board meeting will include the board reorganization and election of the officers.

Terry went over the Board of Directors nominations remaining and asked if there were any new nominations. There was none so he closed on the nominations. Stephen nominated the slate of the Board of Directors. Anne motions to approve, Stephen seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

Terry thanked everyone for attending the annual meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Neal Eichler and supported by Anne Eichler. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.