

**Pigeon Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2022**

Present- Terry Brown, Karen Phillips, Michelle Shaw, Emily Nichols, and Amy Petiprin.

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

Secretary's Report-October's minutes was reviewed. No corrections need to be made. Michelle motioned to approve October's minutes, Emily seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report-September and October reports was reviewed. Emily reported September was mild. Interest and Pigeon monies came in, etc. In October 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-Haist Flowers & Gifts-\$40.00-gift for Natasha. United States Liability Insurance Co Inc-\$1,492.00-Chamber's annual insurance premium. Michelle motioned to approve paying the bills, Amy seconds. No discussion. All in favor. We are expecting another bill from Haist Flowers & Gifts regarding Farmers Insurance-Bridget Shaw (new member).

New Business

Huron County View-Advertising for the Town Lighting-In 2019 we ran a 1/8 page ad for \$124. Using the same size ad the cost is \$129.00 for 2022 which was \$5.00 more than last year. There was discussion. Michelle motioned to approve paying \$129.00 to Huron County View, Emily seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

GFWC Pigeon Area Woman's Club-5th Annual Gingerbread Brunch on Wednesday, November 30th, at the Pigeon District Library. Open house is from 11 am to 2 pm.

Halloween Trunk or Treat Review-Sheila was unable to attend. Sheila told Terry that the event went very well with nice weather and 300 or more children was in attendance. They had approximately ten vendors giving out

treats. The Winsor Fire Department ran out of hot dogs. There was discussion.

Kickoff to Christmas Downtown Businesses-Businesses take care of this event. The chamber did radio spots to advertise the event. There was discussion.

Farmer's Summerfest Planning Meeting Review-Terry said there were different activities discussed by Linda and Sheila. The meeting was held at the Pigeon Inn and it was a good meeting. There was discussion.

Chamber's Website Team-Matt Volz, Amy, Michelle, and Terry-Amy and Michelle sent Matt their wish list. Matt was unable to attend. There was discussion. We are wanting multiple Chamber members to go into make changes instead of going through a third party.

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 thanked the Chamber for their donation. The distribution will be Saturday, December 10th, at the North Huron School.

Laker Giving Tree-Donation was given.

New members: Farmers Insurance Shaw Agency, Bridget Shaw, agency owner, sent a thank you to the Chamber for the beautiful flowers.

Town Lighting-Friday, November 25, 2022, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm-There was discussion of the donation of gifts for the children and adult drawings. Terry said Lori from Thumb Bank needs \$150.00 each to pay Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus (Bob Tait and Angie McCormick). Michelle motioned to approve paying Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, Amy seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Lori needs two to three volunteers to help with the children's gifts table. Lori has contacted the Laker NHS to help. Michelle will send a massive email looking for gifts or donations for the Town Lighting drawings. Michelle and Sheila will update Chamber's Facebook as donations come in. Bay Port State Bank will donate two children's bikes.

Thumb Bank will donate two scooters. Lynn will be organizing the purchase of the gifts for Town Lighting.

Annual Meeting Date/Place/Ideas-Terry said he talked with Lori and Lori said she will send the annual meeting invite along with the annual membership due letter. There was discussion. Terry will work on the availability of the Pigeon Event Center to see if there is a Wednesday open in January 2023 for a 6 pm annual meeting. Terry will also check with Kelly from Main Street Family Restaurant about dinner items.

Village Residential and Business Christmas Lighting Contest-Friday, December 16th, 2022-Need to be located in the town of Pigeon. We will determine the judges down the road. Prizes for first, second, and third places are \$100, \$75, and \$50 for both residential and businesses. Michelle motioned to approve the above prizes, Amy seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Michelle will send a massive email about the event.

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?

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

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, December 14th, 2022, at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.