

**Pigeon Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2021**

Present- Terry Brown, Karen Phillips, Natasha Golder, Lori Kemp, Anne Eichler, Linda Walsh, and Kathy McQueen.

Terry called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Secretary's Report-August's minutes were reviewed. No corrections to be made. Anne motion to approve the August's minutes; Lori seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report-Natasha handed out the August treasurer's report. Natasha said a lot of bills were paid and cleared up the outstanding items. Lori said the refund of the Pigeon money was from Ray Leppien for the Pigeon Rotary who originally purchased Pigeon money as gift certificates for the Summerfest event. Anne motion to approve the August's treasurer's report; Lori seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Bills to Pay

\$164.00 to Haist Flowers & Gifts for the queen's flowers

\$200.00 to Richard Strieter for putting up the cornstalks all around town, maintaining them, and cleaning them up

\$231.42 to the View for advertising

Anne motions to approve to pay the expenses; Karen seconds. All in favor.

New Business

Elkton Autumn Fest-on Labor Day weekend went well. We had our float represented with the Summerfest queen and the first runner-up. There was discussion.

Event Calendar Updates/Discussion

October 1	Fall Harvest Celebration, Retailer's Sale & Bake Sale, Food Trucks will be available from 11 am to 2 pm
October 25	Fall Business Decoration Contest (Scarecrows)
October 31	Halloween Trunk or Treat & Winsor Fire Dept. Hot Dog Roast

November 6	Kickoff to Christmas Downtown Businesses
November 26	Christmas Town Lighting Celebration/Visit with Santa
December 15	Resident Town House/Business Lighting Contest

These events are all tentative depending on the future CDC guidelines for the health and safety of our community relating to outdoor group gatherings.

Fall Harvest Celebration-Friday, October 1, 2021-There will be food trucks in town that day. Sheila is getting Farm 2 U (Marker's) food truck, Olvera's, and Chuck's Coffee coming downtown by the Farmer's Market. Terry received a phone call from the Huron Daily Tribune regarding the Fall Harvest Celebration and Halloween Truck or Treat. We decided to do the bake sale again this year at participating businesses. We will need someone to make up the flyer and Terry said Shelly will email the businesses asking them if they want to participate. Thumb Bank, Bay Port State Bank, and Harjo's Ben Franklin said they would participate in the bake sale.

There was discussion of a guitarist or keyboard playing from a business from 11 am to 2 pm during the Fall Harvest Celebration. Terry will contact Brian Kiehm to see if Jay Dubey, Dwight Gascho, and Brian would perform for the Fall Harvest Day. Annie approved \$250 for talent for October 1st; Natasha seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Fall Harvest Drawing-Friday, October 1, 2021-We are asking businesses to either do a homemade wreath or purchase one to be displayed in their business by September 27th, 2021, and then donate the wreath for a drawing in their business to be held on October 1st at 4 pm. The participating businesses will then email a picture of the wreath by September 24th to Whitney Peyerk's email address: wapeyerk@gmail.com who will then post it to our Facebook. The participating businesses will have you vote in person for the wreath and the business will then draw their own winner. Shelly will combine the email for the bake sale and the Fall Harvest wreaths. Terry will make up the flyer.

Fall Business Decoration Contest-The theme is scarecrows throughout town-October 25 – 29, 2021 (the week of Halloween). Terry will have Shelly invite the businesses to participate. If participating, email picture by October 25th to Whitney Peyerk's email address: wapeyerk@gmail.com who will post it to our Facebook. Judging will take place on Friday, October 29th. Lori will check with Karin Shetler and Renee Willis to see if they will

be our judges. Linda said she has some Halloween toys leftover from the closing of her store that she would donate as prizes.

Trunk or Treat & Winsor Fire Dept. Hot Dog Roast-Tentative date-- Sunday, October 31, 2021-There was discussion to keep it at the Farmers Market. Sheila has volunteered to head up the Trunk or Treat. We are planning to do it in the municipal parking lot with the event center as backup for bad weather. Sheila will get in touch with the Fire Dept. and see if they will grill the hot dogs. The budget for Sheila to purchase the hot dogs, etc., will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Back to School Supply Drive-Terry thanked Lori for the follow up and the delivery of the school supplies to the Laker Schools from participating businesses.

Farmer's Summerfest-Next year will be held on July 21- 24, 2022.

Farmer's Market Update-Terry discussed the idea of having food trucks along with the Farmer's Market on Fridays next year and advertise it. There was discussion of ideas growing the Farmer's Market.

Annual Meeting-Discussion of how we get others involved.

Membership Dues-There was discussion. Lori will be getting the letters ready for the next meeting. Lori is planning on sending out the letters in October.

Old Business

Trailer/Float Designer-Need recommendations still sought. The storage for the trailer is approximately 30 feet x 8.5 feet. There was discussion of needing to find storage for the float. Terry checked with PJ Trailers and they told him the prices have increased by a third since last quote. Need to seek more bids. Shelly will check with Troy on trailer bids.

Community Meeting for Planning Next Year-There was discussion. Terry will get leaders together for discussion.

Other Business

Meeting Reminder-Our meetings have been moved from the first Wednesday of each month to the second Wednesday of each month.

The next scheduled board meeting will be held at the Pigeon Event Center on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.