

**Pigeon Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2022**

Present- Terry Brown, Karen Phillips, Michelle Shaw, Natasha Golder, Duane Wurst. Lynn Polega, and Amanda Errer.

Terry called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Secretary's Report-April's minutes was reviewed. No corrections need to be made. Michelle motion to approve the April's minutes, Lynn seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report-Natasha handed out the April's treasurer report and said the profit and loss statement shows the Easter Egg Hunt was zeroed out because of the \$300 deposit donation from Agri-Valley Services, Pigeon Telephone Company, and Thumb Cellular. We had purchased Easter baskets with their donations. We also received a couple of membership dues. Lynn motion to approve the April's treasurer report, Duane seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Bills to Pay-None.

New Business

2022 Chamber Member Stickers-Lori has them and will be delivering them shortly.

BBQ Fundraiser-Chamber and Bay Port State Bank-Scheduled for Thursday, June 9th, 2022, from 10 am to 3 pm-The monies made will be donated to the 2022 Farmers' Summerfest. Karen made them aware she has emailed Jeff Etzel at the Laker School asking for student volunteers to help with the fundraiser. Karen will email a work schedule for volunteers to sign up and a flyer.

Welcomed Amanda Errer (Pigeon Cooperative Elevator Co.) -Terry had everyone introduce themselves to Amanda. Karen will include her in our Chamber email listing and send out an updated listing.

Newspaper Advertising-Terry thanked Michelle for all the work on the newspaper ads.

Ladies Night Out-There was Pigeon merchants who had participated and there was discussion regarding the advertising of the event.

Facebook/Website-Michelle said Facebook was up to date and the website needs updating with the new board members, Chamber members, and events. Michelle handed out a current copy from the Chamber's website for the Board to review and make any changes or corrections. Karen told Michelle to email Lori at Thumb Bank the list of Chamber members since Lori keeps the members listing up to date.

2022 Michigan Sugar Festival Parade-Saturday, June 18 at 10:30 am. Terry said that no one showed except himself on Wednesday, April 20th, at 3:00 pm at 107 Main Street in Pigeon (across from the Shell Station) to determine what needs to be done to the float. Lynn will check with her husband, Dale, to see if he could drive for the Sebewaing parade and let Terry know. Terry will contact the queen to ride on the parade. The parade driver will be paid \$100 per parade. Duane motion to approve paying the parade driver \$100 per parade, Michelle seconds. No discussion. All in favor. There was discussion about the banners on the float and they need to be measured. Terry will get with Duane on the two banners. Michelle motion to allow Terry monies for the float banners and general decorations and the amount will be approved at a later date when known, Duane seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

2022 Farmers' Summerfest Parade-Saturday, July 23 at 11 am. Terry handed out a copy of the parade form. Terry said they ordered three trophies and approximately 150 ribbons for the parade participants and Agri-Valley Communications, Inc. traditionally pays for the trophies and ribbons. Terry said he needs parade volunteers and Shelly Gunden will be rounding up judges for the parade.

2022 Farmers' Summerfest Fireworks-Terry said Sheila sent him an email regarding Mike LePage, who organizes the fireworks, stating the price jumped from \$6,500 to \$12,000. Mike told Sheila he should get organizations to help. There was discussion. Duane motion the Chamber's thoughts are when they find funding for the fireworks, the Chamber will then donate \$500, Michelle seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

2022 Farmers' Summerfest Update-Terry said the theme is "Celebrating Good Times". Terry talked about how they moved the event because of the Wild Horse event and now they changed it to the same time we are scheduled for the Summerfest. This year they are planning food trucks, a dessert truck, live bands, an auto show on Sunday, and having antique and new tractors displayed where they normally have the lawn tractor pulls. New this year is the axe throwing which they will charge for. They are having inflatables, golf outings, 3 on 3 basketball tournaments. They are looking for ideas for the children's activities up town for example a magician. Duane said the Pigeon Historical Society is having a chicken BBQ on Sunday during the auto show. There was discussion.

Fundraisers-Terry discussed future ideas such as raffling off a gazebo, etc. There was discussion.

Farmers' Market-Terry said Duane is working hard on it. Duane said several vendors would be willing to participate with the music. The Farm 2 You food truck will be there from May through July. Duane said he is planning to get menus from the various Pigeon businesses. He said he needs someone to donate an audio system to bring more people to the market.

New Board Member

Terry said remember we still need to fill the secretary's position this year.

Event Calendar and Event Leaders

May 20 through October, 2022 Farmers' Market-Duane
June 9, 2022 BBQ Fundraiser with Bay Port State Bank-Michelle
July 21, 2022 Ladies Summerfest Golf Outing
July 21-23, 2022 Town Wide Garage Sales-Linda Walsh
July 21-24, 2022 Farmers' Summerfest-Sheila
July 22, 2022 Men's Summerfest Golf Outing
July 23, 2022 Farmers' Summerfest Grand Parade, 11 am-Terry
August 1-20, 2022 Back to School Supply Drive in Retail Businesses-TBD
September, 2002 Ladies Night Out-TBD
October 7, 2022 Fall Harvest Celebration-Matt
October 3-31, 2022 Fall Business Decoration Contest-TBD

October 31, 2022 Trunk or Treat & Winsor Fire Dept. Hot Dog Roast-
Sheila

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

December 10-25, 2022 Residential and Business Holiday Lighting Contest-
TBD

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

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, June 8th, 2022, at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.