Pigeon Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2024

Present:

Terry Brown, Erica Reif, Kathy McQueen, Logan Richmond, Lori Kemp, Matt Gotham, Erica Kish, Derek Drabek, Michelle Shaw, and Ric Aymen

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President, Terry Brown at 12:01 pm.

Secretary's Report:

January's 01/10/2024 minutes were reviewed. No corrections or discussion. Michelle S motioned to approve, Erica R seconds. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. No corrections. Balances are a bit lower compared to next year, but dues are still coming in. Erica R motioned to approve, Matt G seconds. All in favor.

2024 dues letters are being sent by mail after attempts via email.

   Bills to Pay/approved:
   1. Pizza for Annual Meeting for $86.65, approved by Lori K, seconded by Erica R
   2. WLEW – Ads for $955.50, approved by Lori K, seconded by Erica R
   3. Lee's Landscaping – Gift Certificate for $100.00 for Terry Brown's Mother, approved by Erica R, seconded by Erica K.
   4. WLEW - Ad for $109.58, approved by Erica R and seconded by Matt G.

Michelle S presented the 2024 Thumb Weekender proposal. The members decided to not advertise in this publication this year.

Review of Activities this past Month:

Terry B thanked everyone that helped and attended the annual meeting and thanked all who allowed their name to stand as nominations.

2024 Officer Position Nominations and Voting

The list of officers for nomination include:

Nominations by position

President-Erica Reif   Assistant Secretary-Logan Richmond
VP-Lynn Polega   Treasurer-Erica Kish
Secretary-Michelle Shaw   Assistant Treasurer-Derek Drabek

Terry B opened the floor to other nominations. No New Nominations. Members voted for all Executive Officer nominations. Motion approved.

New President, Erica Reif, presided over the rest of the meeting.

March 30th - Children's Easter Egg Hunt Planning

Erica K stated that last year the Chamber gave $600 for gifts and $120 in Pigeon Money. This year an Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for March 30, 2024, at the Veterans Memorial Park near the Pigeon Event Center.

Easter egg stuffers are needed. Lori K suggested contacting Country Gardens for help and Michelle S suggested using the ISE Exchange Students to help as they are required to commit 5 hours to community service. Terry B made a motion to approve up to $1,000.00 to the Easter Egg Hunt, seconded by Erica R.

Upcoming Events and Other Business:

The events list is located on the website, under calendar of events on www.pigeonchamber.com.

Erica K recommended an idea to include a "Farm to Table" dinner in the streets of Pigeon as part of the Fall Harvest Celebration. The idea being a sit down, catered dinner served to 100 pre-sold ticket holders on the Saturday following. Potential Raffle Tickets, alcohol permit etc.   More discussion to continue.

2024 Vacation Guide

Ric Aymen presented the costs for the 2024 Vacation Guide.

In 2023, we paid $1,895.00 for two full pages and 2 - $10 web links on thumbnet.net (one for each page)

In 2024, we will pay $1,925.00 for two full pages and 2 - $10 web links on thumbnet.net. That's an increase of $30.00.

This cost is split with the festival committee so the Chamber will pay $962.50.

Erica R asked what the cost would be if we reduce to 1 page, ½ for the Chamber and ½ page for the festival committee then this cost would be approximately half @ $962.50 for all and $481.25 for the Chamber.

Ric A will contact Sheila M from the festival committee for her input. This subject was tabled until the next meeting. The deadline for the decision is the end of March.

Other Business:

If the committee chooses to keep the meetings on the 2nd Wed of the month at noon, we will need to move meetings from the Event Center on May 8th, and July 10th as the venue is already booked.

Meeting Adjourned

Erica R motioned to adjourn the meeting; Terry B seconded. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 12:51 pm

Next Meeting: Noon on March 13, 2024, Location: Pigeon Event Center