

## Pigeon Chamber of Commerce

### Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2021

**Present:** Terry Brown, Lynn Polega, Duane Wurst, Kathy McQueen, Natasha Golder, Erica Kish, Sheila McBride, Lori Kemp

Terry called meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

Terry first introduced Erica Kish who is the new Esther from Northstar Bank. Went around the table and welcomed Erica and introduced ourselves.

**Secretary's Report:** Sheila made the motion; Lori seconded to approve October minutes. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Natasha distributed report. Lynn made motion; Sheila seconded to approve October's Treasurer's Report with the following bills to pay:

Sheila McBride \$201.09 – Trunk or Treat Expense

#### **New Business:**

Lori from Thumb Bank announced Town Lighting on November 26, unfortunately, will be cancelled this year due to number of COVID positive people in the businesses and community. Discussion was had to what we could do for Santa and kids drawings. Talk of having Santa sit in his house and children could come out front and have Mrs. Santa present passing the gifts out.

Lynn made motion and Lori seconded that the town lighting on November 26, 2021, be cancelled and that on **Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Santa will be at the Thumb Bank Centennial Park visiting the children and handing out gifts to all that attend. All agreed no advertising of the gift giving. All approved. Lori was going to call and confirm this date and time with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Lori made motion and Sheila seconded to pay \$150 each for Santa and Mrs. Claus for this event. All approved.

**Membership Discussion** - Brief discussion on getting more businesses/community involvement with the Chamber and knowing that there are three terms going to be up which are: Esther Hill- Erica Kish to be taking over; Karen Phillips and Lori Kemp - we are informed that both are hoping to have replacements from their organizations. More discussion to follow.

**New Businesses** – Lori made motion and Natasha seconded to send a plant to **Emma's Coffee House** and a plant to **Main Street Family Restaurant** to cost between \$50-\$100 each. All approved. Lynn to

order through Haist's Florist and have bill sent to Chamber. Also another new business in Pigeon is The **Fae Laume Photography** – located in the old Turner Arts building. When notified of it being opened, Lynn will order a plant for them as well welcoming them to our community.

**Farmer's Market** – Looking for volunteers for committee to help bring more ideas to Farmer's Market to bring more people in weekly; example, food trucks, music, etc. More discussion to be had at the annual meeting.

**Float** - No update on that. More discussion at the annual meeting.

**Annual Meeting** - The annual meeting has been tentatively set up for **Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6 p.m.** at the Pigeon Event Center. Terry will see if available and more details to follow.

### **Old Business**

Lori gave update on scarecrow contest with:

**1<sup>st</sup> place** – Active Feed; **2<sup>nd</sup> place** – Berne Junction; **3<sup>rd</sup> place** – Thumb Bank. Congratulations to all! All prizes were delivered, pictures taken and put on Facebook. Thank you Lori.

Sheila reported on Trunk or Treat – Things went well – not as many as anticipated but with Elkton's event being the day before and them having nice weather, that may have dampened our event somewhat. Fireman did an awesome job and Sheila does have two large packages of hot dogs left if anyone interested in purchasing. Thank you Sheila.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at noon at the Pigeon Event Center.

**Meeting adjourned:** 1:00 p.m.