

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce met on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the Bremen United Methodist Church. Those present: Alyssa Barnecut, Cenell Boch, Tim Byers, Vince Carpico, Jonette Haberfield, Jackie Hardman, Toni Harper, Sue Henwood, Laura Kennedy and guest, Rich Lines, Lynn McCandlish, Rick McCandlish, Dee Mowry, Sue Schmitz, Ken Shefter, Linda Ward, David Weber, Rick Zsabrak

In the absence of president David Foltz, vice president Cenell Boch welcomed the chamber and introduced Pastor Linda Ward who gave the invocation. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and lunch was served by the ladies of the church.

Cenell opened the business meeting by having those present introduce themselves, who they were representing and something unique about themselves. The treasurer's report was presented :

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It was approved on a motion by Dee Mowry, seconded by David Weber. There was no business meeting in December, but the secretary reviewed items discussed at the chamber executive board meeting on January 10. Outcomes of the discussions include:

- an agreement with Traci Shahan to design and maintain the website in return for a chamber membership for the *Towne Crier*;
- BACofC membership in the *Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance* and coverage by their Legal Shield and ID Shield plans;
- membership levels and fees will remain the same as in 2021 for 2022.

Toni Harper noted the omission of the board's discussion of the need for changes in the bank signature card so that there can be two current officers' signatures on checks written by the treasurer. That oversight has been added to the board minutes. David Weber then moved that former president Dee Mowry's name be removed from the bank signature card; the motion was seconded by Jackie Hardman and carried. David Weber moved that the following current

members of the executive board be added to the signature card: David Foltz (president), Cenell Boch (vice president), Sue Schmitz (secretary), and Sue Henwood (treasurer) who is currently a signatory. Motion seconded by Dee Mowry and carried unanimously.

Rick Zsabrak then presented an update on economic development in Fairfield County. He noted the Google data plant coming in west of Lancaster and the planned Intel chip manufacturing complex only 45 minutes from here. Both hold enormous potential for the central Ohio region. Keys to their choosing this area were abundant water and collaborative reputation; needs include construction-trades, financial literacy and trained workers. The Fairfield County *WORKFORCE CENTER* partners with OU-L, Hocking College, local businesses like Claypool Electric, and Pickerington and Lancaster Schools in offering career readiness programs for seniors and adults that can provide participants with high school and college credits as well as pre-apprenticeship programs and job placement interviews. This is a great example of collaboration to prepare for the tech world represented by Google and Intel.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Schmitz, secretary