

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce met at 12:00 p.m. on February 23, 2023, at the Bremen UM church. Those present: Alyssa Barnecut, Marilyn Boyd, Brenda Carney, David Foltz, Sue Henwood, David Maple, Lynn McCandlish, Rick McCandlish, Mark Morgan, Dee Mowry, David Myers, Sue Schmitz, Ken Stofter, Linda Ward, David Weber, Denise Wingard, Heather Yantz, Jessica Martinez (with Lan-Fair) and Rich Lines. President David Foltz called the meeting to order and invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Linda Ward gave the invocation, and lunch was served by the ladies of the church.

Minutes of the January meeting having been emailed to the membership, Marilyn Boyd moved to approve them, seconded by David Weber; motion carried. Treasurer Susan Henwood reported on her investigation of CD rates; currently, chamber CD's range from 0.10 to 0.50% with a penalty for early withdrawal of about \$25. The Bremen Banking Center is now offering 4.30% on fifteen month certificates. Dee Mowry moved to transfer chamber certificates of deposit moneys to new CD's at the 4.30% for 15 month rate; this was seconded by David Myers. The motion carried. The treasurer also reported the following balances:

checking	\$7 180.35
community fund	7 832.72

David Weber moved to accept the treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Rich Lines and carried. The Bremen Activities committee is seeking donations toward candy for the Easter bunny parade. David Weber moved that the chamber give \$150 to this project; the motion was seconded by Brenda Carney and approved.

Announcements:

Any other candy donations can be brought to the March meeting
Rushcreek Township is working on solar panel and AirBNB
resolutions

FAIRHOPE Hospice & Palliative Care will host a **Memorial Fund
fund raiser** on April 6 at the Lancaster Golf Club; contact at
740-654-7077

Perry County Tribune will hold a **Senior Event** at St. Rose from
10:00 to 2:00 on March 24

Fairfield County Home and Garden Show on March 18, at the f
fairgrounds

Speaker for the day was Mark Morgan to discuss funeral preplanning. This is the fifteenth year for the Morgan Funeral Home in Bremen. He discussed the 6 major reasons people opt to preplan, with or without prepaying:

- 1) to ease the decision making burden on the family
- 2) to control costs, if prepaying
- 3) to protect funds by paying down assets for Medicaid
- 4) to keep peace in the family if there are disagreements about final arrangements
- 5) they are alone with no one left to make those decisions
- 6) to have a say in how they'll be remembered

The plans follow the individual, not the funeral home.

The next meeting will be March 30 at the Bremen UM church.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schmitz, secretary _____