

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce met on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Bremen United Methodist Church at 12:00 p.m. Those present: Alyssa Barnecut, Cenell Boch, Marilyn Boyd, Julie Bolyard, Brenda Carney, Dawn Elliott, David Foltz, Jackie Hardman, Toni Harper, Susan Henwood, Laura Kennedy, Dawn Legg, Rich Lines, Trudi Maley, Dee Mowry, David Myers, Sue Schmitz, Traci Shahan, Travis Strawn, Linda Ward, David Weber, Denise Wingard, Heather Yontz and speaker Chris Pellington. A quorum of members, as set forth in the constitution adopted July 26, 2018, were present.

President David Foltz welcomed the group. Pastor Linda Ward offered prayer, and those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. The ladies of the church served lunch. David then introduced the members of the executive board, followed by everyone introducing themselves.

Minutes of the January meeting were sent to members earlier; the secretary noted a correction of the motion made by Dee Mowry in regard to the treasurer's report; it should have read "**report filed for audit**," rather than "approved." Corrected minutes were approved on a motion by Toni and seconded by David Weber. Treasurer Sue Henwood reported the following:

checking account	\$6 575.30
community fund	6 957. 62
CD	10 592.65
CD	2 591.52
CD	2 635.01
CD	2 331.45
CD	7 027.16

Dee moved to accept the report, seconded by Jackie, and approved. Sue also reported that membership letters including 14 to new businesses were sent out in early February; the membership year will begin with the March meeting.

In old business, secretary Sue Schmitz moved that former officers Dee Mowry, Nicole Scott and Marilyn Boyd be removed from all chamber bank accounts; Dee seconded the motion, and it was approved. David Weber then moved that the current officers, president David Foltz, vice president Cenell Boch, secretary Sue Schmitz, be added with treasurer Sue Henwood as signatories on all chamber accounts; Marilyn seconded the motion which was approved.

In new business, the village of Bremen will have an Easter Egg Parade on April 9 and is in need of donations toward candy to fill 3000 eggs. Sue Henwood moved that the chamber donate \$200 to the project, seconded by Dee and carried. Any other donations are needed by April 1, and if candy, be items that would fit in the plastic eggs. Other announcements of upcoming events:

March 12 - Bremen UM church steak supper - curbside pick-up 4 to 7

April 28 - Fairhope Hospice virtual auction

May 5 - the Ridge *Cinco de Mayo* celebration open to the public, 4:30 to 6:30

David Weber then introduced Chris Pellington of National Telemed Solutions. The problem? a predicted shortage of 90,000 doctors and 150,000 counselors and therapists by 2025, and 75% of current doctor, therapist and ER visits could have been done by a televisit.

National Telemed Solutions' platform provides individuals and small businesses with access to:

- 1) general health telemedicine and unlimited contacts with Teledoc physicians
- 2) mental and behavioral health professionals
- 3) health savings program with dental, vision, prescription, lab test coverage

Individuals (including the household) and small businesses of two and more people can be covered for a monthly fee of \$49.95 or \$34.95 respectively. Chris described the business as going from "Blockbuster to Netflix," and offering hope for affordable medical coverage.

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 on a motion by David Weber, seconded by Rich and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Schmitz, secretary _____