

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the March 24, 2022 Meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce met on Thursday, March 24, at noon at the Bremen United Methodist Church. Those present: Alyssa Barnecut, Cenell Boch, Julie Bolyard, Marilyn Boyd, Tim Byers, Brenda Carney, Vince Carpico, Dawn Elliott, Eugene Eusano, David Foltz, Sally Grimm, Jackie Hardman, Toni Harper, Sue Henwood, Laura Kennedy, Lynn McCandlish, Rick McCandlish, Dee Mowry, Sue Schmitz, Tracy Shahan, Ken Shafter, Linda Ward, David Weber, Heather Yontz, and speaker Mikki Caston. A quorum of members, as set forth in the constitution adopted July 26, 2018, were present.

President David Foltz welcomed the group, and Pastor Linda offered an invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance. The ladies of the church then served lunch.

The secretary gave a summary of the March 7 meeting of the Executive Board. As the minutes of the February general meeting were emailed to members and there being no additions or corrections offered, Marilyn Boyd moved to approve them, seconded by David Weber and carried. The treasurer presented the following report:

Checking \$7 624.70

Community fund 6 957.89

CD's 19 051,53

Restricted Sesquicentennial CD's 9 352.63

Membership to date is 45, resulting in \$2 975 in dues. Dee Mowry moved to receive the report, seconded by Jackie Hardman and carried.

Announcements:

Senior Expo, March 25, 9:00 to 2:00 at the Saint Rose Community Center, sponsored by the *Perry County Tribune*;

Bremen Storage will hold an auction March 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Country Camo's spaghetti dinner and silent auction on March 26, 5:00-7:00, will benefit veterans;

the Bremen Bunny Parade, April 9 at noon, will include 4200 filled eggs;

FairHope Hospice will have a "Celebrate Life" on-line auction April 28, with awards being announced at 8:00 p.m.:

The Ridge will celebrate "*cinquo de mayo*," 11:00 to 2:00

May 15, 12:00 to 6:00 at the Eagles, a buffet and auction fund-raiser by Bremen Pool Activities Committee

The program on the ***Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance*** was introduced by Eugene Eusanio and program manager Mikki Caston. **SOCA** was formed 30 years ago to offer small chambers health plans competitive with those of metro areas. There are currently 118 chambers represented, and, in addition to health benefits, **SOCA** has plans in HR, security, energy and legal shield for both profit and non-profit small businesses (up to 50 employees) who are chamber members. Some 8000 individuals participate in **SOCA** plans.

A motion to adjourn was made by David Weber and seconded by Brenda Carney. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schmitz, secretary _____