

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the April 28, 2022 meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce met on April 28, 2022, at the Bremen United Methodist church. Those present: Alyssa Barnecut, Chad Belville, Cenell Boch, Marilyn Boyd, David Foltz, Jonett Haberfield, Jackie Hardman, Toni Harper, Sue Henwood, Laura Kennedy, Rich Lines, Lynn McCandlish, Rick McCandlish, Dee Mowry, Sue Schmitz, Linda Ward, Heather Yontz, and speakers Annie Cohen and Debbie Zwicker. A quorum of members, as set forth in the constitution adopted July 26, 2018, was present.

President David Foltz opened the meeting at noon with a welcome, followed by an invocation by Pastor Linda Ward and the Pledge of Allegiance. The ladies of the church then served lunch.

The secretary's report as distributed by email was approved on a motion by Toni Harper and seconded by Marilyn Boyd. The treasurer reported a total of \$2 725 in dues from 42 members. The total in BACofC CD's is \$15 812.40 and \$14 400.39 in sesquicentennial CD's.

There being no old business, the following announcements were shared:

- Tracy Shahan needs items on events, promotions and photos for the chamber website; they can be emailed to Dave Foltz or Cenell Boch;
- The Bremen Pool Activities Committee will host a fundraiser on May 15 at the Eagles;
- Donations to the Easter Bunny Parade were much appreciated, with left-overs being used in the elementary school weekend breakfast program;
- Destination Fairfield County is seeking ambassadors;
- Rushville Lions' Chicken Barbecue will be Saturday, April 30
- The last day of classes for Fairfield Union Schools will be May 26; repaving of Marietta Street is then scheduled to begin .

The program on Fairfield Medical Foundation began with a reminder that FMC is a not-for-profit hospital, so fundraising supports equipment purchases (like the linear accelerator for radiation treatments), programs and education. An important program is Scripts Assist, which finds free sources from pharmaceutical companies to help patients with new prescriptions. The program has saved patients over \$50 000 000 since 2011 and is serving over 800 patients so far this year. Donors can specify the use of their gifts. In

addition to direct donations, events like golf outings and races, grants, Twig efforts, the gift store's "Shop with a purpose" and the Grateful Patient Program provide moneys. The Foundation can be a recipient from the Kroger Community Rewards and Amazon Smiles programs. It can also help groups plan and publicize events for the hospital.

The next chamber meeting will be May 26 at noon, Bremen UMC. A motion to adjourn was made by Dee Mowry, seconded by Chad Belville and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Schmitz, secretary
