

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the May 25, 2023 meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce met at noon on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Bremen UM church. Those present: Alyssa Barnecut, Cenell Boch, Tara Bobo, Marilyn Boyd, Tim Byers, David Foltz, Sue Henwood, Dee Mowry, Sue Schmitz, Ken Shofter, Linda Ward, David Weber and Heather Yontz. President David Foltz welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Linda Ward offered the invocation, and the ladies of the church served lunch.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as emailed on a motion by Dee Mowry, seconded by David Weber. The treasurer reported two new members: **Altercare Lanfair** of Lancaster and **Bremen Quik Wash**. Sue also noted that Chamber taxes have been filed with the state, and she had them available for review. The 664/37 sign has been updated, with four blank spaces in the four corners, still available for plaques. The following account balances are:

checking	\$9 881.60	
community fund	5 983.51	
CD	13 338.04	
CD	12 052.72	Moving the two CD in March has already resulted in an increase in value of \$181.80.

Announcements:

Bremen Drive-In is open

Bremen Pool opening is May 27

Memorial Day service at Grand View Cemetery at 10 a.m. on May 29

the last of this year's American Legion breakfasts will be Sunday, May 28

Sunday Night Music in the Park concerts begin May 28

Masonic Lodge #608 will hold a ground breaking for a new facility on Angle Street in the fall

Bremen Area Historical Society is now open on Tuesdays and

Wednesdays and is soliciting donations and memberships for a new addition which will serve as an archive room

the first annual Fairfield County Senior Expo, August 25, is still seeking participants and sponsors

The Perry County Housing Coalition will host an auction and silent auction on October 21 to aid the county's homeless

Perry County is one of four sites offering a new brain stimulation procedure that can help some mental illnesses

Cenell reported on two events from the Fairfield County Chamber's committee on Diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging:

Scipio Smith Day on May 29 at Allen Chapel, recognizing the first Black businessman in Lancaster

a *Juneteenth Day* celebration on June 19

In the absence of a speaker from H & R Block, Tara Bobo shared some of her experiences in developing the **Rushcreek Pub and Grub**. Her

recommendations - 1) you can't do it alone; develop a team and delegate.

2) listen to all but don't try to please all

3) start with a smaller menu, with the idea of adding as start-up bugs get worked out and you see trends and requests

The consensus of those present was that the Pub and Grub is a valuable asset to the community of Bremen!

The president adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m., then reminded board members of the executive meeting on June 5 at 9:00 a.m. at the Bremen UM church. The next meeting of the chamber as a whole will be June 22 at Bremen Bethel Presbyterian church.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schmitz, secretary