

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the May 26, 2022 meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce met on May 26, 2022, at the Bremen United Methodist Church. Those present: Chad Belville, Marilyn Boyd, Tim Byers, Brenda Carvey, David Foltz, Jackie Hardman, Toni Harper, Susan Henwood, Laura Kennedy, Deputy Maple, Dee Mowry, Sue Schmitz, Tracy Shahan, Linda Ward, David Weber, Denise Wingard and speaker Resa Tobin. A quorum of members, as set forth in the constitution adopted July 26, 2018, was present.

President David Foltz welcomed the attendees at 12:00 noon, and, following the invocation by Pastor Linda Ward and the Pledge of Allegiance, asked for a moment of silence in recognition of Memorial Day.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as emailed on a motion by Jackie Hardman, seconded by Toni Harper. The treasurer reported:

a checking account balance of \$7 874.70,
a community fund balance of 6 408.47
CD's totaling 15 826.09
sesquicentennial funds of 9 363.05

With the addition of the Rushcreek Pub and Grub, the chamber now has 51 members. The report was approved on a motion by Dee Mowry, seconded by David Weber.

Chad Belville, superintendent of Fairfield Union Local School District, reported on the status of the Memorial Wall at Bremen Elementary. Structurally, it has been deemed a total loss, but a mason has been found to rebuild it for less than the original cost in 2009. Since maintenance of the wall was on the district, the school board has approved a purchase order for \$70 000. Work is to begin when school is out for the year; when queried, Chad said donations would be accepted and welcomed.

The Bremen Pool Activities Committee's fundraiser netted over \$11 000. In other announcements:

“Music in the (Dowling) Park” begins Sunday, May 29, at 6:30 p.m.

FairHope Hospice's *Trash to Treasures* sale, June 10-11 at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds;

auction items are needed for Perry County's Oct. 15 fundraiser at St Rose School to develop a homeless shelter (contact David Weber); the sheriff's department has been asked to provide a temporary speed monitor on Marietta Street; community response officers Maple and Strawn will see to it when repairs to the street are completed.

Speaker Resa Tobin of Fairfield Medical Center gave an update on the Community Health Watch. Cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in the U.S.; every minute before intervention reduces the chance of survival by 10%. Since 2012, the focus on helping the community get heart care when needed has seen the growth of training from mostly staff, to the addition of EMS personnel, to free classes for the public. Chest compression without ventilation can be done by minimally trained bystanders, but an AED within 3 minutes boosts survival substantially. The phone app PULSE POINT will locate the nearest AED. The Heart Watch program requires an AED in the building; coupled with bystanders trained and willing to do chest compressions, it becomes a Heart Safe facility.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dee Mowry, seconded by Chad Belville and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Schmitz, secretary _____