

## **Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes of the June 23, 2022 meeting**

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at the Bremen United Methodist Church. The following members were present: Chad Belville, Brenda Carney and guests, Vince Carpico, David Foltz, Jonnette Haberfield, Jackie Hardman, Toni Harper, Sue Henwood, Laura Kennedy, Rich Lines, Lynn McCandlish, Rick McCandlish, David Maple, Dee Mowry, Sue Schmitz, Ken Shafter, David Weber, Linda Ward, Denise Wingard, Heather Yontz, and speaker Amanda Everett. A quorum of members, as set forth in the constitution adopted July 26, 2018, was present.

President David Foltz called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.; Pastor Linda Ward offered prayer and the group joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as emailed on a motion by David Weber and second by Toni Harper. A summary of the Board meeting on June 13 was given. The treasurer reported the following account balances:

Checking	\$7 799.97
Savings	6 408.77
CD	10 599.62
CD	2 592.54
CD	2 636.31
Sesqu. CD	2 332.61
Sesqu. CD	7 030.64

Dee Mowry moved to receive the report , motion seconded by Rich Lines and carried. The treasurer has sent planters welcoming the Clark Station and the bakery as new businesses. She gave a review of spending from the Community Fund since 2018; \$3 400 has gone toward local needs and events. The current balance is about \$6 400, and there have been several requests for funds.

1.) The village wishes to upgrade electric outlets on the light poles for Christmas lights. David Weber moved to donate \$600 toward the project; it was seconded by Dee Mowry and carried.

2). The Bremen Area Historical Society is seeking to increase its building size. Sue Schmitz moved to donate \$1 000 to the project, motion seconded by David Weber and carried.

3). The Bremen Pool Activities Committee plans to add a lift to accommodate handicapped visitors. David Weber moved to donate \$500 toward the lift; it was seconded by Jackie Hardman and carried.

Action on donating toward the Memorial Wall at Bremen Elementary was tabled, pending updating the signage at the intersection of routes 37 and 664. Fees for

advertising on the sign replenish the community fund, but the location is under negotiation between the potential buyer, the village and the seller.

The speaker for the day was Amanda Everett of *Destination Downtown Lancaster*. Her job is to recruit businesses, providing them with resources and events to draw people to the downtown area. Some of the plans include:  
shopping campaigns involving multiple shops to increase foot traffic;  
Clean-up day;  
the *Lancaster Festival Art Walk* displays in multiple buildings;  
*Brewfest*, featuring local offerings;  
Second Saturday Cinema, movies on Broad Street;  
Farm to Table, plated dinners, with proceeds to local food pantries;  
New Years Eve celebration, with the **raising** of a locally crafted glass ball.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dee Mowry and seconded by David Weber; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Schmitz, secretary\_\_\_\_\_