

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the September 28, 2023 meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber met at noon, Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian church. Those present: Alyssa Barnecut, Chad Belville, Cenell Boch, Brenda Carney, Lydia Coakley, David Foltz, Susan Henwood, Laura Kennedy, Rich Lines, Jessica Martinez, Dee Mowry, David Myers, Bill Robinette, Sue Schmitz, Ken Shofter, Linda Ward, David Weber. President David Foltz called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance; Pastor Linda Ward offered the invocation. Vice president Cenell Boch was congratulated on the completion of her PHD degree! The ladies of the church served lunch.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as published on a motion by David Weber, seconded by Dee Mowry. The treasurer reported the following account balances:

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| checking account: | \$4 023.60 |
| community fund: | 5 476.08 |
| CD: | 12 228.63 |
| CD: | 13 532.71 |
| CD: | 5 038.36 |

Total interest on the 3 CD's is \$590.77 since March. Dee Mowry made a motion to receive the report; the motion was seconded by Dave Myers and approved.

In old business, refileing for our certificate of existence with the secretary of state is completed. The treasurer's investigation has confirmed that there are unclaimed funds in excess of \$100 in the chamber's name but has been stalled on the State of Ohio's website.

In new business,

a motion to support the junior livestock auction at the Fairfield County Fair at the level of a bid of \$250 to \$500 was offered by Dee Mowry, then amended by David Weber to \$350 to \$600 and seconded by Sue Schmitz and carried. David Foltz will bid on the Chamber's behalf;

a motion to donate \$100 toward the Pumpkin Walk was make by Cenell Boch, seconded by Sue Henwood and carried. The walk will be held on October 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion was held on having the Chamber place an ad in the *Discover Perry County* publication. As the deadline is in March of 2024, Brenda Carney will research cost and details for that project, as well as the possibility of a local

publication which would be funded by business ads. The remainder of the 2023 year will feature a regular meeting with a speaker in October, the annual meeting in November, held in the evening and offering “state of the village/township/school district reports and open to the public, and the December meeting at Bremen Elementary’s Christmas lunch and concert. A special social holiday meeting at the *Rushcreek Pub & Grub* was proposed for the evening of either **December 21 or 28**; it was tabled to the October meeting on a motion by Dee Mowry, seconded by Ken Shofter and carried.

Members provided up-dates:

Bremen has received grants that will fund several projects next spring.

Fairfield Union schools’ state report card has kept its 4 star rating for the high school and a 4.5 star rating for Bremen elementary.

The Masonic Lodge has sold its building and closed on acreage for a new facility.

The Bremen Area Historical Society’s annual tractor parade will take place September 30th; the museum will close for the season on November 11.

David Foltz will conduct the Perry County Housing Coalition auction on October 21.

TeleHealth has added counseling for kids from kindergarten thru 12th grade.

The Perry County Tribune and *Logan Daily* need a local writer for a Bremen news page.

FairHoPe will have their Tree of Remembrance in December and their Celebrate Life event on March 21 of 2024.

Altercare is celebrating its 50 year anniversary.

Bremen United Methodist will change its name to Bremen Community Methodist Church on Nov. 1 and will again have the Next-to-New Sale the first weekend in November.

David Foltz called for suggestions for topics and speakers for 2024; it’s hoped to include current and potential members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schmitz, secretary _____