

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting at noon on October 27, 2022, at the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church. The following members were present: Alyssa Barnecut, Cenell Boch, Julie Bolyard, Brenda Carney, Vince Carpico, David Foltz, Toni Harper, Susan Henwood, David Maple, Dee Mowry, Kathy Mowry, Sue Schmitz, Ken Shofter, David Weber, Denise Wingard, Heather Yontz, new member Loretta Dawson with Altercare and speaker Toni Ashton.

President David Foltz welcomed everyone and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Pastor Linda Ward. Minutes of the September meeting were approved as published on a motion by Dee Mowry and seconded by David Weber. Treasurer Susan Henwood reported the following account balances:

checking	\$7 267.97
community fund:	5 386.69
CD's	15 838.31
Sesquicentennial CD's	9378.80

She also reported progress on updating the Routes 37/664 sign; panels are \$300 per year, there are seven available, and new panels can be made by Qualls Signs for \$50. The reports were approved on a motion by Dee Mowry, seconded by Brenda Carney.

In old business, David Foltz reported that he had purchased two market rabbits at the junior fair auction for \$200 on behalf of the chamber; this is one of the community fund uses. The members were reminded that the November annual meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, at the Bremen Area Historical Society, 161 Carter Street. It will feature State of the Village, Township and School District addresses and is open to the public.

Toni Ashton, prevention coordinator for the ADAM-H Board, described its duties: to plan, obtain funding and monitor the mental health services provided by the 14 member agencies. Funding comes through federal and state allocations and grants. There have been no in-patient services for crisis stabilization in the county since FMC closed its sixth floor beds. The new Starlight Center will offer 24/7 residential professional health care centers for those with substance abuse and mental health crises. Substance abusers can stay up to 30 days while undergoing treatment, and those coming through New Horizons can stay for 3 to 5 days and then go on to out-patient treatment or hospitalization if needed. It is hoped that the Starlight Center will be opened by March of 2023. ***Mental health and recovery matter.***

David Weber moved to adjourn; Vince Carpico seconded the motion and it carried. Respectfully submitted,

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