

BREMEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Minutes August 23, 2018

President Dee Mowry called the meeting to order at noon and began with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance. Lunch was served by the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Service Committee.

Members and guests present were: Dee Mowry, Kathy Mowry, Nicole Scott, Marilyn Boyd, Sue Henwood, Mike Henwood, Toni Harper, Ken Shoftner, Earl Lehman, Jeff White, Scott Snider, Loren Young, Sally Grimm, Terry Borah, Chondra Davis, and Rick Szabrak. A quorum of members, as set forth in the Constitution adopted July 26, 2018, was present.

The minutes of the July 26, 2018 meeting were approved by acclamation. Sue Henwood reported the following: Checking Account, \$11,700.58; Community Service Fund, \$8,551.47; Certificate of Deposit \$9,680.39; Dues Paid in 2018 \$1,500.00 and total members 29. School supplies were purchased with our \$250 donation and Loren Young thanked the chamber for being a part of a very successful school supply drive. President Mowry read a thank you letter from FULSD Superintendent Chad Belville for the donation for the roof for the covered bridge.

OLD BUSINESS

The By-Laws for the Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce were approved at the August 7, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors. These by-laws will be posted on the chamber web site.

Dee Mowry appointed Nicole Scott to be the chamber contact person for the web site.

Kathy Mowry reviewed ongoing legal issues regarding our tax exemption status and the Liberty Mutual insurance policy.

President Mowry shared information regarding the Board of Directors meeting that was held on August 7, 2018. Travis Markwood, president of the Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, led discussion regarding our strategic plan. Many beneficial ideas were discussed. The Board will continue to finalize our strategic plan.

Toni Harper reviewed the proposed Scarecrow Contest plan and suggested that a new group category be added. Toni Harper made a motion to adopt the plan for the Scarecrow Contest with a second by Mike Henwood. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the remaining chamber meetings. The September 27th meeting and the October 25th meetings will be held at noon at the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church. Kathy Mowry made a motion that the annual meeting, including the state of the village and state of Rushcreek Township, be held November 15, 2018 at the Bremen Area Historical Society at 7 pm. Marilyn Boyd offered a second and the motion passed unanimously. Refreshments will be served and the meeting is open to the public. The December meeting will be held at the Bremen Elementary School with a date TBD. Mayor Henwood stated that Worthington Industries had extended an invitation for the chamber of meet for lunch and a tour of their facility early next year.

Terry Borah reminded everyone about the Antique Tractor Show, parade and heritage festival on September 22, 2018 from 10:00 to 4:00 at 161 Carter Street in Bremen. Terry also reminded

everyone that the historical figures are still in storage and was hoping they could be placed on display again. Kathy suggested they might be placed in downtown store fronts. President Mowry asked Terry Borah, Earl Lehman and Ken Shoftner to work with this idea.

A survey was placed on the back of today's agenda. President Mowry encouraged all to answer the questions along with any suggestions.

Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic Development Director, spoke to the group about challenges and opportunities for business in Fairfield County. He shared ideas that would be beneficial for economic development in our area.

President Mowry adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm.

Submitted by Marilyn Boyd, Secretary

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As attested to by:

Marilyn Boyd, Secretary

Date