

BREMEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Minutes July 26, 2018

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

Members and guests present were: Dee Mowry, Kathy Mowry, Sue Henwood, Mike Henwood, Marilyn Boyd, Toni Harper, Justin Isaac, Jeff White, Nicole Scott, Earl Lehman, Loren Young, Kim Shook, Eric Mahler, Terry Borah, Mary Hoffman, Rick Hoffman, Ken Shoftner, Tim Byers, Sue Schmitz, Bruce Kelley, David Myers, Dan Jones and Sally Grimm. A quorum of members, as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code section 1702.22, was present.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved by consensus of those present. Treasurer Sue Henwood reported that to date there are 23 paid members (individual and business). The checking account has a balance of \$11,645.58 and the community service fund has a balance of \$8,800.70. The certificate of deposit balance is \$9,682.80. All signature cards are current and a check requires two (2) signatures. Those authorized to sign documents are Dee Mowry, Sue Henwood, Marilyn Boyd and Nicole Scott.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding approval of the constitution for the Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce. President Mowry requested that under Article II, membership composition, an honorary membership class be added and then called for a motion to adopt. Toni Harper offered a motion to adopt the constitution with a second by Terry Borah. The motion passed unanimously.

President Mowry asked for two (2) volunteers to fill the position of Trustee for the Board of Directors. Eric Mahler and Toni Harper agreed to fill the positions. President Mowry then requested a unanimous ballot be cast for Eric and Toni to fill the offices of Trustee.

Kathy Mowry reported that we have a new tax ID number, the process to obtain tax exempt status with the IRS should begin. Kathy requested she be given power allowing her to communicate with the IRS concerning the application if necessary. Marilyn Boyd made a motion to authorize Nicole Scott to execute an IRS Power of Attorney form appointing Kathy as power of attorney. Eric Mahler offered the second. The motion passed unanimously. The fee to file an application for tax exemption with the IRS is \$600. Tim Byers made a motion to pay this amount with a second by Mike Henwood. The motion passed unanimously.

In January 2018 \$15,825.00 was withdrawn from the Community Service fund and gifted to Fairfield Union Local School District for a new roof for the covered bridge located at the land lab.

Sue Henwood made a motion to affirm the gift to Fairfield Union with a second offered by Sally Grimm. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

President Mowry proposed the following meeting schedule for the balance of 2018: Regular meetings August 23, September 27, October 25. The annual meeting will be held on either November 15 or 29. (date and location to be determined) The December meeting will be held at the Bremen Elementary School. (date TBD)

Sue Henwood reported that the Bremen Food Pantry was collecting school supply items to place in back-to-school back packs. Mike Henwood made a motion to donate \$250 from the Community Service Fund to help with this project. Tim Byers offered the second. After discussion Toni Harper requested the motion be amended to state the money be given to the First United Bremen Methodist Church as they are in charge of the project. The second to amend motion was offered by Sally Grimm The motion passed unanimously.

Toni Harper presented information regarding the first annual scarecrow contest. She asked those present to review the information and this project will be discussed at the August meeting.

Terry Borah reported the Antique Tractor Show and Parade and Heritage Festival will take place September 22, 2018 from 10:00 to 4:00 on BAHS Facility grounds. This event is free and open to the public.

Mary Hoffman presented information regarding the new downtown park. She shared the history of the old park and also presented information on how the park became known as Dowling Park. She had samples of some of the materials that will be used and drawings depicting how the park will look. This should be a wonderful addition to the downtown area.

With no other business to conduct President Mowry adjourned the meeting at 1 PM.

Submitted by Marilyn Boyd, Secretary

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As Attested to by:

Marilyn Boyd, Secretary

Date