

BREMEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Minutes June 28, 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, Annamaire Qualls, Nicole Scott, Mike Miller, Jeff White, Earl Lehman, Toni Harper, Sally Grimm, Loren Young, Chad Belville, Gene Eusanio, Todd Wesaw, Sherman Prince, Terry Borah, Chondra Davis, Bruce Kelley, Ken Shoftner. A quorum of members, as set forth in Ohio Revised Code section 1702.22, was present.

Secretary Marilyn Boyd read the minutes of the May 24, 2018 meeting. Kathy Mowry made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Toni Harper. The motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Sue Henwood reported the following: Checking, \$12,047.58: Community Service Fund, \$8,799.95: CD \$9,682.80. All previous credit cards have been cancelled. She reported \$1,550 had been collected in membership fees. All previous account numbers have been changed and it is now required for any account withdrawal to have two (2) signatures. Dee Mowry, Marilyn Boyd and Sue Henwood are signers on all accounts. Post office Box 45 has been retained for chamber use.

Terry Borah made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with a second by Sally Grimm. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Mowry nominated Nicole Scott, Bremen Banking Center Service Manager, to fill the position of vice president. Mike Henwood offered the second. There were no other nominations from the floor and Kathy Mowry made a motion that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast to elect Nicole Scott.

OLD BUSINESS

Copies of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws were made available to those present. President Mowry recommended members take time to review these proposed documents and be prepared to vote on them at the July meeting. If there are any suggested changes please contact Dee or Kathy Mowry in the next two weeks. If possible, the proposed documents would be posted to the chamber website 10 days prior to the next meeting. (7/27/18)

The old Chamber website was closed earlier due to lack of payment. The site had been developed and hosted by Webchick. Toni Harper made a motion to change the domain name to Bremen Area COC.org for \$25 and for Webchick to host the site at a yearly fee of \$645. Marilyn Boyd offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

President Mowry was unable to obtain a copy of the current insurance policy from insurance agent Shirley Conner. Attorney Carol Marx will follow up with Shirley and attempt to get the policy information. No other action will be taken until policy information is received.

Kathy Mowry was given approval to follow up on the following issues: filing of documents with Ohio Attorney General, filing of application for exemption from filing income tax with IRS, filing of form 990 with IRS and correcting issues with current tax ID number (EIN). The current number is not valid and a new number will be needed.

Mike Henwood made a motion with a second by Jeff White to allow Kathy to work with CPA Penny Wasem to resolve any tax issues needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy has received appointment as Statutory Agent by SOS.

NEW BUSINESS

Rushcreek Feed has added new storage space located on the old McCandlish Trucking site. Mary Hoffman will present information regarding the new project at Dowling Park at the July meeting.

Toni Harper suggested the village have a scarecrow contest. The contest would be open to village residents and could be held in September. Loren Young suggested Rushcreek Township residents be invited to participate too. More information will be presented regarding this proposed event.

Terry Borah reported the Bremen Area Historical Society will hold their annual Antique Tractor Parade and Harvest Festival on September 22, 2018. The BAHS would like to place historical banners downtown in empty storefronts to help support the new Dowling Park.

BUSINESS UPDATE

Todd Wesaw, owner of the new laundromat, was introduced and he spoke of plans for his new business.

Chondra Davis reported progress in being made with their new bakery which will be located on Main Street.

Annamarie Qualls, EVP Vinton County National Bank, announced new and higher CD rates are now available.

Chad Bellville, Fairfield Union Superintendent, reported that the sod was replaced on the football field, parking lots were being resurfaced and the 1500 Chromebooks have been purchased for students.

Mayor Mike Henwood stated Sergeant Major Peter Stasson from Belgium would be in Bremen on November 3, 2018 to commemorate the death of WWI soldier and Rushcreek Twp resident Willis Burnworth.

President Mowry adjourned the meeting at 12:55 pm.

Submitted by Marilyn Boyd, Secretary

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Minutes of the June 28, 2018, Meetings were approved by members present at a duly called meeting on July 26, 2018.

As attested to by:

Marilyn Boyd, Secretary

Date