

BREMEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Minutes September 27, 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: Marilyn Boyd, Toni Harper, Mike Henwood, Sue Henwood, Austin Isaacs, Bruce Kelley, Earl Lehman, Dee Mowry, Kathy Mowry, Sue Schmitz, Ken Shofter, Nicole Scott, Jeff White, David Myers, Mike Miller, David Foltz, and Gene Eusanio. A quorum of members, as set forth in the constitution adopted July 26, 2018, was present.

The minutes of the August 23, 2018 meeting were approved by acclamation. Sue Henwood reported the following: Checking account - \$11,806.57; Community Fund - \$8,602.20; CD - \$9,680.39 and dues paid to date \$1,500.00. Marilyn Boyd made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with a second by Kathy Mowry. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kathy Mowry reviewed the legal status issues with the Ohio Secretary of State as well as the tax exemption issues with the IRS.

Toni Harper reported she has received a few applications for the Scarecrow contest.

Information for this event was sent to the Town Crier newspaper.

President Mowry would like to see more feedback from chamber members regarding the survey he presented at the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue Schmitz made a motion for the chamber to make a donation of \$250.00 to the annual Bremen Pumpkin Walk. David Foltz offered the second and the motion passed unanimously. The Fairfield County Heritage Association would like to borrow two of the historical figures to display at the Georgian in November of December of this year. Kathy Mowry made a motion to allow the FCHA to borrow the figures with a second by Marilyn Boyd, The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Henwood reported the BAHS Antique Tractor show, parade and heritage festival was successful. He thanked Earl Lehman and Ken Shofter for their support.

The remaining BACC meeting dates were reviewed. The State of the Village and Township meeting will be held on November 15, 2018 at 7 PM at the Bremen Area Historical Society. The December meeting will be held at the Bremen Elementary School with a date TBD.

President Mowry present various correspondence and there was discussion regarding the purchase of animals at the Fairfield County Jr. Fair Auction. Marilyn Boyd made a motion to spend \$200 at the auction with a second by Kathy Mowry. The motion passed unanimously. David Foltz will represent the chamber at the auction.

Mike Henwood reported on the plans to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the eight Bremen and Rushcreek Township men who were killed in WWI. The ceremony will be held on November 3, 2018 at 10 AM. More information will be available closer to the event date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church will celebrate 110 years of worship at their current location on October 28, 2018.

Gene Eusanio, business benefits specialist, spoke to the group about a new self-funded medical plan for small business employers. The Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance (SOCA) has created a new health program that can lead to more rate stability and is a smart solution that offers potential savings for groups with 50 or fewer employees. SOCA has teamed up with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to administer this plan and to provide stop loss coverage. There was discussion as to how this program might benefit our chamber members.

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