

Standish Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
July 25, 2017

1. Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce convened at City Hall in Standish on July 25, 2017 at 12:03 p.m. Board Members in attendance: Tim Dixon, Marv Ittner, Amanda Pomaville, Steve Kolaja and Shayna Castle.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ittner and seconded by Kolaja to approve minutes for June 27, 2017. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Pomaville and seconded by Dixon to approve the Treasurer's Report for date's 6-26-2017 through 7-24-2017. Motion carried.

*All need to sign non-profit form; also change President from Kolaja to Dixon; Marv will send in

4. Public Business

- A. Wendy from MediLodge- ½ way through renovations in private rooms; business is picking up; getting locked side for dementia patients, checking into payment for Chamber membership; MDOT sign recommended to market the village of Sterling; Marv inquired about 4-H Auction paddles, she was unaware.
- B. Brenda Matt from The Depot- Car show was the best one so far-thanked The Chamber for their sponsorship; concerts are going well- polka band was the best one for raffle and concessions; Farmer's Market is busy and brings a lot of people in; Depot Days in October- \$350 for horse drawn carriage rides; Facebook & website jive together when events are added.
- C. Shirley from Vantage Plastics- Looking for merchant tent update for the fair; The Well- helps 18-22 year olds get a handle on life; July 29th- Wheeling for the well of it fundraiser poker run.

5. Old Business

- A. Merchant Tent, Arenac County Fair- Shayna tried but was unable to gather more info; great idea for 2018 though; The Chamber could rent the tent and would be a benefit to our members, or co-sponsor. Discussed what else we can do for the fairgrounds, open to ideas.
- B. After Hours- Post-Poned until later this year.
- C. Website Review- it is up and running; shows events. Recommended that we take a look at it to see if there are any changes we want to make. Have Nelson (or replacement) send an e-mail to all members to check it out. Invoice to Ittner to pay Breakthrough PC in full (\$750).
- D. Pops in the past car show- was successful even due to the weather

6. New Business

- A.** Small Business Saturday- This would be the day after Black Friday; The Chamber could help advertise with our website; Stage Right offered to be a place for Vendors to set up; Encourage businesses to do something special
- B.** Nelson is resigning from the board as trustee. This will leave an open position on the board; Castle volunteered to take over mass e-mails.
- C.** Ittner received a check from the EDC to renew their membership; also received a thank you card from the Arenac Historical Society for the concert & car show sponsorship.
- D.** Dixon handed out new brochures for The Chamber.
- E.** Kolaja discussed scholarships that the Reese Chamber participates in; suggested that we invite the SSC Superintendent to each of our meetings to keep up with what is happening with our schools.
- F.** Jason Vallad would like to invite all businesses in Standish to hang their banners at the ball fields on Deep River Rd; Field #5; Illinois/Michigan teams are playing this weekend

7. Announcements

- A.** The next public meeting will be at City Hall on August 29, 2017 at noon.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.