

Metamora Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2024

In Attendance:

Marianne Gleckler	Savannah Armstrong
Cathy Mossing	Jeff Truckor
Jessica Geer	Michelle Donnelly
Cheryl Robison	Sandy Slusarski
Eric Smola	Debbie Campbell
Mike Ehram	Rosie Truckor
Bev Engler	Cheryl Geer
Gary Loar	

Call to Order – Marianne Gleckler

Secretary's Report

1. Jeff Truckor moved to approve the March meeting minutes.
2. Gary Loar seconded the motion.
3. All voted yes.

Treasurer's Report

1. Nothing to report.

Announcements:

1. Marianne welcomed our newest Chamber members:
 - a. Tracy Pixley
 - b. Dougherty Appraisal Service – Christine Pinkleman
 - c. Gerald Grain Center – David Carroll
 - d. Lee Ann Miller
 - e. DM Creations – Debbie Campbell
2. Tracy Pixley is our newest board member. Tracy is a teacher at Blissfield Schools but is a life-long resident of our area.
3. We still have many positions to fill on our sub-committees. If you or a member of your organization are interested, contact a board member.
4. Jeff reported that four students assisted with spring clean-up. They were able to assist resident Dee Lumbrezer as well as clean up the Village entrance signs and memorial garden area at the park. Next year we may look at Sundays to avoid baseball games and track meets.

Business Spotlights: Thank you to Michelle Donnelly from **Stapleton Insurance** and Mike Ehram from **The Country Charm** for being our first business spotlights. We appreciate it and learned a little more about these members and their businesses.

Committee Updates:

1. Party in the Park - Jeff gave a brief recap of Party in the Park festivities and events. For more information on Party in the Park progress, events, sponsorships, etc. please review the Part in the Park minutes that are emailed. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15 @ 5:30 at Jeff's house.

2. Membership - Savannah reported that she is following up with members who have not yet renewed.
3. Calendar - Marianne reported that the calendar committee will kick it into gear after Party in the Park is over.
4. Events – A.J. was unable to attend but is working on some possible events.
5. Projects – Kim was unable to attend but the committee is meeting soon.
6. Financial Assistance Program – Cheryl reported that 16 students participated in 7 different volunteer opportunities and accounted for 95 hours of service time. The drawing was held for the four winners – Diesel Stoykoff, Raegan Radel, Maddison Brehmer and Jackson Vandenbusche are our 2024 scholarship winners. The winners will be announced at the awards banquet on May 15.

Open Forum:

1. Jeff discussed ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses. Matt Gilroy from FCEDC will assist on our first so we know how they're done. DM Designs will be held Friday, May 31 @ 4:00. Jeff also discussed the large "cutting" scissors and ribbon. We'll investigate better pricing.
2. Cathy had materials available for the NOACC prescription savings program.
3. Cheryl reached out on behalf of CAST whose numbers have significantly increased and need donations – monetary or personal hygiene items.
4. Jessica announced that the fire department is growing. Three have recently passed their fire one and we also have two from the 2023 graduating class.

Adjournment:

1. Bev Engler motioned to adjourn.
2. Gary Loar seconded the motion.
3. All voted yes.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, July 10th, 6:00 PM, at the Evergreen Community Library