

Metamora Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2024

In Attendance:

Marianne Gleckler
Jeff Truckor
A.J. Schroeder
Michelle Donnelly
Judy Snyder

Cathy Mossing
Kim Smallman
Tracy Pixley
John Butson

Call to Order – A.J. Schroder

Secretary's Report

1. John Butson moved to approve the May meeting minutes.
2. Marianne Gleckler seconded the motion.
3. All voted yes.

Treasurer's Report

1. Kim Smallman shared the Q2 financial reports. These reports will be approved by the board at their August meeting and then distributed to members.
 - a. Jeff Truckor moved to approve the Q2 financial reports.
 - b. John Butson seconded the motion.
 - c. All voted yes.
2. Kim also reviewed preliminary Party in the Park financials. These too will be distributed to the members as soon as they are finalized and approved by the board.

Announcements:

1. Cathy introduced a new program available for our members. Equitable Advisors offers a 401-K program for small businesses. The chamber will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00. Jason Harris from Equitable Advisors will be there to explain the program and answer questions. RSVPs are required by August 21.

Business Spotlights:

1. Thank you to A.J. Schroeder from St. Mary's Meats for sharing the latest and greatest happening at the locker. Fresh meat is the order of the day, and the locker offers 31 different flavors of brats and 18 flavors of snack sticks. The building has undergone many improvements, and more are to come. Customer Appreciation Day is August 17 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Radion stations will be live, \$10 meals will be offered, prizes will be drawn and much more.
2. Thank you to John Buston from CWV Post 306 for providing information on their organization. The CWV Post has been around since 1935 and has 129 members and 48 auxiliary members. Although the membership base is large, very few members are active. Like most organizations, the challenge is getting members involved and attracting younger members. Members provide community support at many local events for flag raising, color guard and other services. Their annual Mexican Fiesta is coming up on August 9 and is their

major fundraiser for the year. We thank them all for their service and continued support of our community.

Committee Updates:

1. Party in the Park - Jeff gave a brief recap of Party in the Park festivities and events. The committee has revamped the "sub committees" so that the workload for each committee is much lighter. Many hands make for light work 😊 The committee will be meeting earlier and more regularly to stay on top of the event.
2. Membership – Nothing to report.
3. Calendar – Nothing to report.
4. Events – A.J. has thrown around several ideas for events. He would like to do something in the fall or winter when other events are slim, and people need things to do.
5. Projects – Nothing to report.
6. Financial Assistance Program – Cathy reminded everyone that flyers can be made for individual events that are interested in volunteers. John Butson advised that the Mexican Fiesta could use help on the 9-11 clean up shift. Cathy and John will get flyers created.

Open Forum:

1. Cathy reminded everyone of the Movie Under the Stars event coming up on July 19 at the park. Sandlots will begin around 9:30 – 9:45 (as soon as it's dark enough). The Gleaners will be providing pop, water and popcorn.
2. Jeff suggested that we send a mailer out to all members. Include the 401-K meeting, Party in the Park information and other pertinent items. Maybe we can get a better response than we do from emails.
3. A.J. mentioned Facebook videos versus just posts. The locker has received a much better response.

Adjournment:

1. Jeff Truckor motioned to adjourn.
2. Marianne Gleckler seconded the motion.
3. All voted yes.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 PM, at the Evergreen Community Library