

**Metamora Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2023**

In Attendance:

Jeff Truckor, President	Michael Fischer, Treasurer
Cathy Mossing, Secretary	Savanah Armstrong, Social Media
Beverly Engler	Cheryl Geer
Sandy Slusarski, Metamora Area Historical Society	
Gary Loar, Loar's Auto Repair	Cheryl Robison, The Farmers Wagon
Carrie Hulett, Evergreen Community Library	
Marianne Gleckler	Karen Siefker
Mark Vandebusch	

Call to Order – Jeff Truckor

Marianne Gleckler motioned to approve the minutes from May 10, 2023 meeting; Cheryl Geer seconded the motion; all voted yes

Old Business

1. Board of Directors Update – we continue to be in need of members to occupy board seats. We are set up to have Jeff, Kim and Michael as permanent advisors/board members, but they should not be occupying other positions as well. Anyone interested in becoming a board member (president, vice president, secretary, etc.) can reach out to an existing board member.
2. Membership Renewals and New Members
 - * Establish committee of 3-4 people
 - * Responsible for renewals each year
 - * Responsible for growing membership
3. Scholarship Program
 - * Cheryl Geer has stepped up and volunteered to spearhead this committee – THANK YOU!
 - * Looking for 2-3 additional members to assist Cheryl
 - * Responsible for working with the area schools to promote the program
 - * Responsible for assisting interested parties in earning their community service hours
 - * Responsible for making suggestions to improve the program
4. Hosting Meetings
 - * In need of businesses to host snacks, light dinner, beverages for meetings
 - * Chamber could provide and charge a small fee
 - * No meals or snacks or beverages
 - * No decision was made at this time, but if your business is interested, please reach out to Cathy Mossing

New Business

1. Chamber Website
 - * The website is just about ready to go live
 - * Business profiles are coming in slowly
 - * Cathy sending Business Profile form that was created

- * Profiles/pictures can be sent to Shannon or the Chamber
 - * Will have demo at September meeting
 - * Chamber Bucks will be prominently displayed on the site
2. NOACC – Northern Ohio Area Chamber of Commerce
- * Benefits programs are quite extensive – for employers and employees
 - * Anthem agreement has been signed
 - * NOACC will be at the September meeting to review all benefits available to our chamber members
3. Party in the Park Recap
- * Another great year – profit was slightly higher than 2022
 - * Car show went great – concessions worked really well – ice cream social was a hit
 - * Mentioned sending thank yous to sponsors, Lutheran Church, Amboy Township, etc.
 - * Should also post thank yous on website
 - * Savannah will be working on a Chamber thank you card that will also promote the website
 - * Cathy will send once finished
 - * Jeff felt there was too much fire coverage for the crowd – will need to review that for 2024
 - * Mark suggested that we consider food vendors since filling shifts is such a challenge – would mean less workers we have to line up
 - * Mark also suggested that we consider more things for kids to do – perhaps a small carnival
 - * Savannah suggested air extreme bouncy rides

Village Update – water line break from Tuesday has been fixed – no boil alerts is in place, but is recommended for those at risk

Treasurer’s Report – Michael distributed a financial report that he will update quarterly and share at the meetings

Open Forum

- * Mark suggested officers be elected in a more official manner
- * Cathy will check into our bylaws and articles of incorporation
- * Need volunteers for these positions in order to have a true voting system
- * Jeff would like to see us host a trade show with our chamber members

Marianne Gleckler motioned to adjourn the meeting; Cheryl Geer seconded the motion; all voted yes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 13 @ 5:30 – Evergreen Community Library