

**Metamora Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2023**

In Attendance:

Jeff Truckor, President
Kim Smallman, VP
Michael Fischer, Treasurer
Cathy Mossing, Secretary
Savanah Armstrong, Social Media
Vicki Koelsch, Koelsch Farm Homestead
Rosie Truckor
Beverly Engler
Sandy Slusarski, Metamora Area Historical Society
Cheryl Geer
Gary Loar, Loar's Auto Repair
Cheryl Robison, The Farmers Wagon
Carrie Hulett, Evergreen Community Library

Call to Order – Jeff Truckor

Gary Loar motioned to approve the minutes from March 8, 2023 meeting; Michael Fischer seconded the motion; all voted yes

Old Business

1. Board of Directors Update – Jeff Truckor and Kim Smallman are temporarily filling the positions of president and vice president, but we do need others to step forward to fill the positions.
2. Membership Renewals are coming in slowly.
 - * Renewals not received by May 15th will not have signage displayed at Party in the Park as that's the deadline to order the signs.
 - * Cathy will send out one final reminder.
 - * The board would also like to establish a 2–3-member committee who would be responsible for membership renewals and new membership. If anyone is interested, please reach out and volunteer!
3. Party in the Park was held immediately following the Chamber meeting; separate minutes will be sent.
4. Business Profiles are coming in slowly
 - * Cathy will be creating and sending a profile form that may make it easier for businesses to get started.
 - * Reminder that this information will be on the Village website, the new Chamber website and used to promote via our Facebook page and email blasts to our membership.
5. Northern Ohio Chamber of Commerce
 - * The application has been received; Cathy will complete and mail with dues tomorrow.

- * Approval will take 3-4 days from the time NOACC received our application and dues check.
6. Scholarship Program
 - * Program requirements have been significantly reduced.
 - * Would like to establish a committee to take charge of the community service part of this program.
 - * Committee would be responsible for promoting the program, arranging community service opportunities, etc.
 7. Community Service Day
 - * Only one student showed up for the work day
 - * Kim, Jeff and Tim Good worked with the student; they were able to clean up two properties who had requested assistance.
 - * Scholarship Awards banquet is at EHS on Wednesday, May 17 @ 8:30.

New Business

1. Chamber Website
 - * The board has decided to go ahead with the website
 - * Shannon Shutlers from Wauseon will be hired to create the site
2. Hosting Meetings and Snacks
 - * Thank you to the Library for hosting the rest of our 2023 meetings
 - * Looking for other locations that can accommodate the meetings
 - * If your business can accommodate, please let us know
 - * If your business would like to sponsor the meal/snacks, please let us know
 - * Any business that holds a meeting or sponsors a meal will get a few minutes to speak at the meeting
3. Chamber Bucks are here!
 - * Jeff shared an example of the Chamber Bucks booklet
 - * These will be used when the Chamber is asked for donations for different events and functions
 - * Chamber members will accept the bucks as cash and then redeem them at the Metamora State Bank to be reimbursed.

Village Update

1. Cathy announced that the Village has decided to cancel their plans for the Falling into Fun event. Expenses will outweigh the revenue opportunities, parking is a huge issue for an event this large and hitting our businesses with yet another sponsorship request is tough. Times are changing and the restrictions being placed on events is a challenge.
2. The Village will look at other functions that can be held in the downtown area on a smaller scale. They're throwing around ideas at this time – expanding on the garage sale or trick or treating.
3. Suggestions are welcome!
4. Cathy also mentioned that the Village was putting together packets that will be sent to new residents. They include important contact numbers, local

businesses, ordinance information and more. If the Chamber would like anything added to the packets, let the Village know.

Treasurer's Report – Michael reported that taxes have been filed.

Open Forum

1. Cheryl Geer mentioned that the Fulton County Fair is also being hit with restrictions. The entrance gates will no longer be run by volunteers; the fair board is required to hire security to run the gates.
2. Cheryl also mentioned that the Fair will be expanding on the shuttle service. Sponsorship opportunities are available here - - hours of operation are 9-9.
3. Vicki Koelsch is asking for 1-minute videos on "my favorite fair memories." There will be an exhibit that runs through fair week regarding the history of the Fulton County Fair.

Cheryl Geer motioned to adjourn the meeting; Michael Fischer seconded the motion; all voted yes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 12 @ 5:30 – Evergreen Community Library