



Saint Helen Chamber of Commerce

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Richfield Township Hall, 1410 N. Saint Helen Road, Saint Helen, Mi 48656

June 26, 2023

- I. Meeting Called to order at 6:01 p.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited by all
- II. Roll Call taken--- Jan Waltz, Kathy Jernigan , Ray Wlosinski, John Sutter , Vijay Kumar , Tina Carpenter, Shirley Karch and Vickie Smith .
- III. Additions to agenda—J. Sutter/letter of support
- IV. Introduction of Guests— none
- V. Motion by Vijay Kumar to approve May Minutes and , seconded by John Sutter. Motion passed
- VI. Treasurer’s Report: Submitted by Kathy Jernigan The total balance as of 6/26/23 \$5836.24 which includes: all expenses and income. DDA Funds of: \$15.50
Report to be filed for future audit. Jan Waltz made a motion to accept treasurers report, seconded by Vijay Kumar. Motion passed.
- VII. President’s Report –attended Business Assoc. Seminar put on by USDA at Crystal Mountain. Very informative. USDA Housing seminar was available. Talking with a contractor regarding possible senior housing in town. Ken Borton (state rep) recognized the chamber of commerce for their 40 years of incorporation and Kathleen Jernigan and Janet Waltz for their longtime commitment to the chamber of commerce. They were presented with a “Special Tribute” certificate from the State of Michigan.
Wants to review the chambers Mission Statement and possibly make changes.
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports;
 - a. Memberships--- renewal letters sent out and letters to draw in new business members. A total of 125 were sent out. We have rec’d a few new members and quite a few of the renewals have come in already.
 - b. Raffles –no new raffles right now....need to follow up on the Fishing Day winner from Kick Off
 - c. Marketing Committee Report – Meetings have been cancelled, the next one is July 3rd
 - d. ARPA Committee Report-no new things going on. Earmarking money for the 1st year of weed control/treatment. Method is out for bid right now...committee is forming.
 - e. Office Manager Update – Creating certificates for chamber business members for the 2023-24 membership year.
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Fill Chamber Board Seats—Kathy Jernigan showed an interest in remaining as treasurer, all in agreement. Vijay Kumar showed an interest in becoming the Vice Chair, John Sutter made a Motion to accept this placement and Jan Waltz seconded this. All were in agreement. Jan nominated Shirley Karch as secretary. She said she would be interested in giving it a try, all were in agreement. Ray Wlosinski showed interest in remaining president. Shirley Karch made a motion to accept and Vijay Kumar seconded..all were in agreement. The balance would sit as trustees. The line up for the next two years is: Ray Wlosinski, President; Vijay Kumar, Vice-Chair; Shirley Karch, Secretary; Kathy Jernigan, Treasurer; John Sutter, Tina Carpenter and Jan Waltz are trustees.
 - b. Small Town and Rural Areas Conference---see presidents report
 - c.
 - d.

- X. New Business
- a. Need to promote Business After Hours... Next one booked is August 10th , CAB & MSC at the CAB building. No time had been set yet. Offered chamber help with advertising, flyer, emails, Posting—whatever they need help with. Discussed possible business EXPO held by the chamber.
 - b. Suggestions for Summer Kick Off 2024—Shirley presented a list of items she felt needed work on Such as; more adult activities, more youngster raffle items, games for the in between ages, less Raffle drawings....will continue to work on items that could produce more \$ for the chamber.
 - c. John Sutter is requesting a letter of support from the chamber for the We Care Shop. He is working on a grant through Consumers Power. Ray will write the letter. Shirley Karch made a motion to have a letter of support written, Jan Waltz seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- XI. Items from the audience—none
- XII. Good of Order...Vijay congratulated Kathy and Jan for being recognized.
Is the chamber going to participate in the Bluegill Parade? We have a “creepy” Santa in storage at Renee’s. Vijay will supply the red pick up and Santa can sit in the back ...
- XIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm Motion by John Sutter and seconded by Vijay Kumar
Next meeting is July 31, 2023.....New officers will begin at that meeting

Respectfully,

Vickie Smith, Recording Secretary

I will no longer be the recording secretary—it has been a pleasure