

Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of August 21, 2024

Present: Kristy O'Shaughnessy, Tyler Clemons, Robert Kulinka, Tina Bamberg and Amy McEathron, *Derek Davis*

Zoom: Tiffany Queary, Brittany Fultz, Kelly Shanahan and Rob Sligar.

Absent: ~~Tina Lanier, Debi Pierce~~, Nancy Rome and Robert Hayes

excused: Tina Lanier, Debi Pierce, Jen Premo, Lydia Young, Stacy Favnice

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm by VP Kristy O'Shaughnessy

Minutes approved by Rob Kulinka and 2nd by Rob Sligar

Presidents report: Kristy read a letter from President Tina, recognizing Carthage Superintendent at the Lewis Co Fair for United Way Top Fundraiser.

Treasurers report: Rob Sligar, received the report from Debi Pierce. We received more funds from the Villages of Carthage, West Carthage, Town of Wilna so we were able to have amazing fireworks this year. He will be turning in a report on how we spent the funds and supply to the villages and town.

Last year we were negative at this point in the year, and currently we are in the positive.

Outstanding membership list was sent to Tyler to reach out to members.

Finance report: No report, treasurer excused

Executive Director report: Tyler went over that he had his review with Tina and Amy and he will work on the items discussed.

He will attend W. Carthage block party. No table

He said the website is 99% ready. He is working with Coughlin on it. The credit card app is running.

Farmers Market, the last week before the meeting there were only 6 or 7 vendors, he explained more visitors than we had, but less vendors, when we had more vendors, we had less visitors. He said he needs help with the farmers market, this is not his expertise and he is having a hard time with it.

New Business: BAH for August is the Carthage Back to School Bash and looking for September to be the Elks.

Business awards dinner: Jen, Kelly, Amy, Kristy, Rob and Tina and Tyler is going to ask Lydia to join the committee. Amy will miss the 1st meeting she will be away.

Veterans Suicide Walk: DeeDee went thru the event with Tyler it is on September 21, 2024 Chamber made the flier for her.

It was mentioned about giving certificates to Church Street Diner for 25 years and CARS for the accident and all the work they did for the fatal accident. It was decided we would hold off on this for future recognition. Possible BAH to recognize all Fire, Rescue, Police etc.

Business Awards Dinner: Possibly at Zero Dock and we will get the fee's and decide next meeting deadline to book is September 20th and the dinner on October 29, 2024.

It was announced that Mr. Sturz purchased an intercom system for the elks.

Old Business:

Farmers Market, Autumn Glory with a band, coordinate with the school. Last day of the market September 27, 2024.

Brittany from the school discussed the details for the Carthage School Bash. Over 1300 RSVP's, 60 committed tables. The Chamber will set up a table with a tent.

The school is taking bids for the next capital gain.

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New Business:

Carthage Library spoke on the events. Many things going on. Heritage room in honor of Laura Premo was a great success. Gifts were donated back to the library. It was mentioned at the Farmers Market to have their calendar available for the community.

Other: *Kristy*

Kristy mentioned the Village is getting a dumpster for downstairs clean up, and the chamber can utilize it as well to clean there corner up.

Next Meeting is September 11, 2024.

No further business, all consented meeting closed, by 1st VP Kristy O'Shaughnessy at 12:46pm to go into executive session. *To discuss the employment of our Exec. Director.*

Submitted by
Amy McEathron
Secretary