

Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce  
Minutes of September 11, 2024

**Present:** Tina Lanier, Kristy O'Shaughnessy, Tyler Clemons, Robert Kuklinca, Tina Bamberg, Claire Vanover, Derek Davis, Kelly Shanahan, ~~Robert Hayes~~, ~~Tiffany Query~~, Christina Bamberg, Jen Premo and Amy McEathron.

**Zoom:** Lydia Young, Tiffany Queary, Rob Hayes.

**Absent:** Nancy Rome, Rob ~~Sliger~~<sup>Sligar</sup>, Stacy Faunce, Debi Pierce and ~~Nancy Rome~~

Meeting called to order at 12:03pm by VP Kristy O'Shaughnessy

Corrections to the minutes for 8/21/2024, add Derek Davis to attendance, spelling correction of Robert Kuklinca's name, add to the excused list not absent, Tina Lanier, Debi Pierce, Jen Premo, Lydia Young and Stacy Faunce.

With the above corrections, minutes were approved by Rob Kuklinca and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristy O'Shaughnessy.

**Presidents report:** Tina stated most of her report will be under new and old business. Thanked everyone for the accommodations to her new position she wants to be present at meetings, as much as she can.

**Treasurers report/Finance report:** Kristy O'Shaughnessy went over the profit and loss, account registered. Question of GoDaddy is that on auto payment. Tina will check with Coughlin and Tyler is working on a list to collect funds from non-paid members.

**Executive Director report:** Tyler went over farmers market, very low attendance with vendors.

Tyler mentioned a lot of time being spent with membership database; everything is in a binder plans to work with Debi on membership.

**Open Forum:** Rob Kuklinca mentions he would like to get the community involved with NCHRA for Jefferson and Lewis Counties to get HR to our businesses. Rob also discussed he is still working with Whimsical pig in Watertown for an order form for us to order stuff with the chamber logo on it.

**Old Business:** Tina Lanier went over the website is very close to completion. Payments work great and very easy to do. Discussed larger sponsors paying easier.

After hours on 10/23/24 Salute to First Responders in and around our community at the Carthage Rec Building.

Business Awards Dinner all set pending Business Person of the year is the only thing pending. Business of the year is "Simons Agway", Community Impact Award "The Twin Villages" New Member Award "Morning Ritual", Milestone Award "Church Street Diner" October 29, 2024 at Zero Dock. Seating capacity approximately 180 people.

Veteran Suicide Walk, both letters went to the Village and Town. Dee Dee was looking for help and unlock and lock the bathrooms.

Krysty mentioned the basement is cleaned out and organized.

**New Business:** New members Morning Ritual, Licks on 26, Gambles Claire, big help with the farmer's market. She is working on struggles and looking forward to working with Tyler and her together. She collected \$63.00 in 3 weeks.

Business after hours for September fell thru with the Elks.

IMEC and Elks would do the food for BAH with letters going to the Village Board to make sure it is approved to use the park building.

**Ft. Drum:** Tina discussed there will be A lot of road work till 2025 and Tina had a map. 9/21 Retired Appreciation Day. Hiring event on 9/18, Public Affairs Office is requesting 91 days or more notice to utilize Ft. Drum due to so many requests. Upcoming deployment briefs as troops are leaving in the fall.

**Carthage School:** Jenn Premo said the outreach support for the school bash was amazing. 2500 to 3000 in attendance, 60 local businesses or non-profits. They are looking to do this on an annual basis. School started and has been going well.

**Carthage Library:** Christina went over a lot of things happening. C-Wep contract was given to Tyler. Great to have help in the office and it is free. We train and they pay them. Events: Story Time, Neuro diversity meeting started, rockin' chairs, embroidery, fiber arts, senior planet, battle of the books, trivia night, silent auction 10/7 thru 10/18, Annual trivia night is 1/18/25, Business after hours 5/14/25.

Executive Session to discuss employment history of our director:

Back to regular meeting at 1:38pm

Board agrees to have both Claire and Tyler work together and come up with a plan by the 2 of them, to dedicate all the duties between the 2 of them. Due back to Tina by 4pm Friday with who will do what.

Next Meeting is October 9, 2024.

No further business, all consented meeting closed, by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Kristy O'Shaughnessy at 1:38pm and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob K.

Submitted by  
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Secretary