



MEETING MINUTES | FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Victoria Zahn, President, at 6:09 at Press Coffee & Tea.

PRESENT: President Victoria Zahn, Treasurer Dennis Herzig, Vice-president/Secretary Linda Loepker, Michael Monken, Mayor Andy Weh, Diane Mannhard, Barb Gerstner, Mike Monken, and Sheila Heuer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Steve Wallace motioned to approve the January Secretary's report; seconded by Diane Mannhard.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dennis Herzig presented the treasurer's report for the period ending January 31, 2023. Herzig's report reflected the following balances:

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| Community Bank..... | \$47,562.14 | General Fund |
| Scott Credit Union..... | \$6,032.67 | Trenton Dollars |
| Scott Credit Union..... | <u>3,668.82</u> | Share Account |
| TOTAL | <u>\$57,263.56</u> | |

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chamber received a request from Mater Dei's After Prom Committee for their 2023 event. The group approved a \$200 donation.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE: The tickets have been printed by The Trenton Sun. Victoria has applied for the raffle license, which should be approved by Monday, March 6. The Chamber will have 90 days to sell the tickets. Prizes are: 1. Big Green Egg package, \$1,500 value; 2. \$250 Freshway gift card; and 3. \$250 Trenton Processing gift card. Thank you to Light Brite for arranging to obtain the Egg and for their \$500 donation to help reduce the cost. For tickets, please reach out to Victoria Zahn.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Sheila Heuer volunteered to be on the scholarship committee. Two more volunteers are needed for the committee.

APRIL POWER HOUR: Networking event scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, at 7-West in Trenton. Lunch will be compliments of the chamber; members and guests are invited. Please RSVP by April 5 to Linda at LindaR@DeienChevrolet.com or 618.444.3031. A guest speaker is still needed.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. BBQ
 - a. Steve Wallace is coordinating the May 6 BBQ.
 - b. Volunteers are needed – please reach out to Steve at 618.224-9258 or Linda at 618.444.3031.
 - c. We do need approval from Scott Credit Union to use the same location; Steve does not foresee this being an issue.
2. Golf Tournament
 - a. Linda Peppenhorst is coordinating the June 11 golf tournament at Okawville.
 - b. No updates; volunteers needed.

3. TrentonFest Parade

- a. TrentonFest will be held Aug. 18 and 19; parade on the 19th.
- b. Deien will be providing a vehicle, and Sheila Heuer will drive. Passengers welcome.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/TEXTING: Michael Monken has been researching text messaging programs to better keep members up to date. He presented a couple of options and a brief discussion followed. Victoria Zahn motioned to postpone a decision until more data is collected; seconded by Steve Wallace.

ILLINOIS COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITY SALES TAX PROPOSAL: Victoria Zahn presented information about the proposed tax increase and the group briefly discussed the impacts to the community and local businesses.

CITY NEWS: Mayor Andy Weh mentioned that there will be a new bar/restaurant moving into the previous Corner Gym location. A Little Off Base Grooming will be opening in March.

MARCH MEETING: Our March business meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, at 6 p.m. at 7-West.