



MEETING MINUTES | FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Victoria Zahn, President, at 6:08 at 7 West.

PRESENT: President Victoria Zahn-LuLu's DooDoo Crew, Treasurer Dennis Herzig, Vice-president/Secretary Linda Loepker-Deien Chevrolet, Mayor Andy Weh, Diane Mannhard-Mannhard Hardware & Gifts, Sheila Heuer-The Breese Journal & Publishing Co., Joyce Emig-Honest Medical & Life Insurance, Josie Kandler-Josie's Gifts & Treasures, Becky Thole-It's A Miracle, Tom & Linda Peppenhorst, Steve Wallace-Community Bank of Trenton.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Steve Wallace motioned to approve the February Secretary's report; seconded by Mayor Andy Weh.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dennis Herzig presented the treasurer's report for the period ending February 28, 2023. Herzig's report reflected the following balances.

Community Bank.....	\$47,662.89	General Fund
Scott Credit Union.....	\$5,137.67	Trenton Dollars
Scott Credit Union.....	3,669.73	Share Account
TOTAL	<u>\$56,470.29</u>	

Tom Peppenhorst motioned to approve; seconded by Joyce Emig.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chamber received a request from Rhonda Biver of the Weslin High School's After Prom Committee for their 2023 event. The group approved a \$200 donation for 2023 and \$200 for an uncashed check for the 2020 event that was cancelled due to covid. Ms. Biver was very appreciative.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE: Raffle tickets are available to purchase. 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. Tickets will be available at various locations and events, or reach out to Info@Trenton-ILChamber.com

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Sheila Heuer, Stacy Billhartz and Jen Huegen will make up the scholarship selection committee. Deadline for entries is March 31.

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. We need 2 more volunteers to join the fun – please reach out to Steve at 618.224-9258 or Linda at 618.444.3031.

- c. Scott Credit Union requested we add them to the Chamber's insurance policy for this and the Spirit of Christmas event; Steve Wallace made this arrangement.
 - d. It was mentioned to have small containers for the potato salad to save time packing orders. Linda Loepker offered the Deien showroom to pre-fill the containers.
 - e. Loepker will also create a "save the date" Facebook post.
 - f. Raffle tickets will also be sold at the BBQ.
2. Golf Tournament
- a. Linda Peppenhorst is coordinating the June 11 golf tournament at Okawville.
 - b. Volunteers are needed for this fun event. Shifts available are 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. or 3 p.m. to the end (later shift includes dinner). If interested, please reach out to Linda Peppenhorst.
 - c. Maximum of 30 teams; entrance fees are to be determined.
 - d. Hole sponsorship is \$50.
3. Park Boosters - TrentonFest Parade
- a. TrentonFest will be held Aug. 18 and 19; parade on the 19th.
 - b. Mayor Weh and the City of Trenton are working on the route with the goal of keeping everything north of Route 50 to avoid traffic problems.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/TEXTING: Michael Monken will be updating the Trenton Dollars information on the website. Linda Loepker will be working on event posts and sharing chamber members' posts.

ILLINOIS COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITY SALES TAX PROPOSAL: Voting for this proposal is on April 4.

APRIL MEETING: The April business meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 6 p.m. @TBD.