



MEETING MINUTES | APRIL 28, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Victoria Zahn, President, at 6:06 at the City Park.

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., Josie Kandler-Josie's Gifts & Treasures, Becky Thole-It's A Miracle, Tom & Linda Peppenhorst, Steve Wallace and Nick Lercher-Community Bank of Trenton, Jen Huegen and Cat Gebke-FCB, Stacy Billhartz-Total Access Travel, Mike Monken-New Adventure Web Design and Digital Marketing. Special guest: Lisa Miller-Base 215.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Stacy Billhartz motioned to approve the March secretary's report; seconded by Steve Wallace.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dennis Herzig presented the treasurer's report for the period ending March 31, 2023. Steve Wallace motioned to approve; seconded by Linda Peppenhorst.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chamber has received and approved seven new member applications.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. BBQ
 - a. Steve Wallace is coordinating the May 6 BBQ. He stated all food is ordered.
 - b. Set up will begin at 8 a.m.; serving crew should arrive by 10:15. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.
 - c. Potato salad containers to be filled at Community Bank. Contact Steve if available.
2. Golf Scramble
 - a. Linda Peppenhorst is coordinating the June 11 golf scramble at Okawville.
 - b. Linda mailed the registration form and information to all previous attendees; she also included businesses in the area not contacted in previous years. Forms and information have been posted on Facebook, and Linda P. will have the banner at the scramble.
 - c. 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 at 618-660-6290.
 - d. Stacy Billhartz motioned to spend \$100 on Facebook ads to promote the scramble; seconded by Steve Wallace. Linda Loepker and Mike Monken will start the process.
 - e. Hole sponsorship is \$50.
3. Park Boosters - TrentonFest Parade
 - a. TrentonFest will be held Aug. 18th and 19th; parade on the 19th.
 - b. Mayor Weh announced that all parade activities, including lineup, will be North of Route 50 to avoid traffic problems.

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. Tickets are

be available at various locations and events, including the May 6 BBQ and the June 11 golf scramble, or reach out to Info@Trenton-ILChamber.com. There are 1,200 tickets left to distribute.

SCHOLARHIP COMMITTEE: Sheila Heuer, Stacy Billhartz and Jen Huegen of the selection committee announced the winners: Hayden Hoerchler and Mitchell Mannhard.

Stacy Billhartz proposed the following changes for the 2023-2024 year:

- a. Add Lebanon High School to mail list (second by Linda Peppenhorst)
- b. Applicants must have a 62293 zip code for the mailing address (second by Sheila)
- c. Add trade school eligibility (second by Jen Huegen)
- d. Add military service eligibility (second by Steve Wallace)

JULY POWER HOUR: Networking event scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, Pizza at the Park. Please RSVP by April 5 to Linda at LindaR@DeienChevrolet.com or 618.444.3031. Guest speaker will from the the Small Business Development center at SIU-E.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA: No updates on the website at this time. As mentioned previously, it was decided to spend \$100 promoting the Golf Scramble on Facebook. Linda Loepker asked for businesses to share their specials and events with her to add to the chamber's Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Signs and Designs is putting together a 2023 door sticker for members.
2. Mayor Weh announced a Memorial Day Ceremony at the park on Monday, May 29, at 10 a.m. The event will include speakers and a flag retirement ceremony.
3. Lisa Miller from Base 215 in Trenton asked the board to sponsor three youths for their upcoming Fashion Show on July 29th. Becky Thole proposed the request; seconded by Stacy Billhartz.

MAY BUSINESS MEETING: The May business meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 6 p.m. at Base 21 in Trenton.