



MEETING MINUTES | May 22, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Victoria Zahn, President, at 6:07 at Base 215.

PRESENT: President Victoria Zahn-LuLu's DooDoo Crew, Treasurer Dennis Herzig, Vice-president/Secretary Linda Loepker-Deien Chevrolet, Sheila Heuer-The Breese Journal & Publishing Co., Josie Kandler-Josie's Gifts & Treasures, Tom & Linda Peppenhorst, Steve Wallace - Community Bank of Trenton, Special guest: Brent Frey – Edward Jones; Alan Zurliene, Pastor Bob Marsh, Shelley Sims, and Fran Smith - hosts from Grace Baptist Church.

BASE 21: Mr. Zurliene and Pastor Bob presented the attendees information on Base 215. Mr. Zurliene shared the history of the center and what is happening there now. Current events include Sunday Night Youth Group, hosting the summer Snack Pack program, pool tournaments, Valentine's dances, Super Bowl parties, and the upcoming Fashion Show. The center offers a secure setting for young people to enjoy their time within a religious context and is supported by donations.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Steve Wallace motioned to approve the April secretary's report; seconded by Tom Peppenhorst.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dennis Herzig presented the treasurer's report for the period ending April 30, 2023. Steve Wallace motioned to approve; seconded by Linda Peppenhorst.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mitchell Mannhard expressed his gratitude for his scholarship by sending a very pleasant thank you note to the Chamber.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. BBQ
 - a. The 2023 Community BBQ was perfectly managed and yielded great profits, thanks to the efforts of Steve Wallace and volunteers.
2. Golf Scramble – June 11, Okawville
 - a. According to coordinator Linda Peppenhorst, there are 12 teams that have already paid for their spots while eight other teams have verbally confirmed their participation in the upcoming June 11 scramble at Okawville. Linda needs some volunteers for the event.
3. Upcoming Power Hour – Tuesday, July 11, Kaskaskia College Extension Center, Trenton.
 - a. JoAnn DiMaggio May, the Director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at SIU-E, has been invited as guest speaker to discuss the various services provided by the SBDC. She will cover additional subjects that can be advantageous for businesses.
 - b. The event is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. with pizza and networking.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE: The proceeds from the raffle are proving to be effective in covering the expenses. The drawing will be held at the Golf Scramble on June 11.

SCHOLARHIP COMMITTEE: Victoria Zahn awarded Hayden Hoerchler his scholarship during the presentation ceremony at Wesclin High School, and Linda Loepker will do the same for Mitchell Mannhard at Mater Dei High School on May 26.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA: The Trenton Dollars program on the website has been updated, and the paid Facebook ad has generated a few new teams for the golf scramble.

DOOR STICKERS: The 2023 door sticker design was approved by the group and will be ordered from Signs and Designs.

JUNE BUSINESS MEETING: The June business meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 6 p.m. Location is currently TBD.

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