



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES | January 24, 2024

The January business meeting for the Trenton Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Victoria Zahn, President, at the Trenton Kaskaskia College Extension Center at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: President Victoria Zahn, VP/Secretary Linda Loepker, Treasurer Mayor Andy Weh, Mike Monken, Diane Mannhard, Joyce Emig, Nick Lercher, Steve Wallace, Cat Gebke, and Linda Peppenhorst. Thank you for your time.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: No changes to the October 2023 Secretary’s report. Steve Wallace motioned to approve the October minutes; seconded by Mayor Weh.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The December financial report reflected the following balances. Mayor Weh motioned to approve; seconded by Brent Frey.

Community Bank	\$48,517.49	General Fund
Scott Credit Union	\$5,182.67	Trenton Dollars
Scott Credit Union	<u>\$3,683.95</u>	Share Account
TOTAL	<u>\$57,384.95</u>	

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Halloween event was a big success with more than 250 children attending. Thank you, Becky Thole, for coordinating.
- Executive Coach Megan Martin of Conquer Consulting shared her expertise at a 2023 power hour; she is welcome back in 2024.
- Mayor Weh gave his thanks to the Christmas decorating committee. He was able to raise \$2,100 for the 2023 park display and had an amazing crew to decorate. He looks forward to an even better display in 2024.
- The Annual Golf Scramble was again a success thanks to Linda and Tom Peppenhorst and their volunteers.
- The Nativity scene in downtown Trenton was a welcome site; thank you to Steve Wallace and his crew for putting up and taking down the timeless display.
- The Big Green Egg raffle, while quite a bit of work, was also a success.
- All of our volunteers throughout the year are truly appreciated; we couldn’t do it without you.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Membership applications for 2024 are coming in; thank you to our renewing members, and welcome aboard to new members: Trenton Masonic Lodge and Selkirk Financial Advisors.

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE | SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Zahn presented the 2024 business meeting schedule: quarterly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Kaskaskia College Extension Center in Trenton.
- She also reviewed the schedule of events for 2024. New additions for this year include a members-only Poker Night, Community Poker Stroll, Online Auction, Hot Chocolate Social, and Jingle Bell Raffle.

2023 BUDGET REVIEW

- Zahn reviewed 2023 expenses and income.

POKER NIGHT

- The first members-only Poker Night will be held Friday, Feb. 23, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge at 519 N. Main Street in Trenton. RSVPs are needed before February 16.
- The Trenton House and Mexico on Main were both mentioned for catering. A budget of \$200 was set.
- Zahn suggested donating to the Masonic Lodge for the use of the space; the lodge is also providing six volunteer dealers for the event.
- After a lengthy discussion regarding serving alcohol, the group decided this is too much liability for the lodge and the chamber.
- The group also decided to host a 50/50 raffle at the event.

POKER STROLL

- The Chamber's first Poker Stroll will kick off on March 3 and run through March 30.
- Participants will have one week to complete their poker hands by visiting the five participating businesses.
 - Hands are \$25, and extra cards can be purchased for \$5.
- Businesses interested in participating are asked to reach out to Victoria Zahn or Becky Thole.

MARCH POWER HOUR

- March's Power Hour will be held on March 20 at Hank's Bowl in Trenton.

ONLINE AUCTION

- The chamber needs a chairperson to coordinate the Online Auction; Mike Monken and Zahn graciously volunteered for the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Weh offered a thorough explanation of the downtown TIF and its upcoming expiration date of May 2025. He expressed the importance of this fund to businesses, the community, and Trenton's economic growth. He shared details on Wesclin School District's reluctance to agree to the renewal.
 - The mayor asks businesses to write letters of support for the TIF program be written to the Wesclin board members.
 - For more details, please reach out to Mayor Weh at City Hall.

APRIL MEETING: The 2nd quarter business meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Kaskaskia College Extension Center in Trenton.

Steve Wallace motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Cat Gebke.