



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES | February 3, 2026

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

Attendees:

- Victoria Zahn, President – Lu Lu’s Doo Doo Crew
- Linda Hanold, Secretary
- Dennis Herzig, Treasurer
- Paulo Guazzini – Jim’s Suits and Tuxedos
- Diane Mannhard
- Steve Wallace, Vice President – Dieterich Bank
- Mayor Dave Brandmeyer
- Doug Gегelman – Lucky Streak
- Cat Gebke – FCB
- Stacy Billhartz – Total Access Travel
- Nick Lercher – Dieterich Bank
- Ashley O’Connell – Dieterich Bank

Secretary’s Report:

A motion to approve the October 2025 minutes was made by Steve Wallace and seconded by Cat Gebke. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

The January financial report was approved as presented. Motion made by Diane Mannhard, seconded by Paulo Guazzini.

Dieterich Bank	\$25,142.50	General Fund
Dieterich Bank	\$30,784.31	CD-FCB
Scott Credit Union	\$2,334.93	Trenton Dollars
Scott Credit Union	<u>\$2,013.90</u>	Share Account
TOTAL	<u>\$60,275.24</u>	

CORRESPONDENCE:

- We received a thank-you from the Kaskaskia College KICK program for our donation.
- 2026 membership letters were mailed.

DISCUSSION:

1. The group discussed setup of the nativity scene display and agreed additional “muscle” is needed to help lift and carry the pieces. Reaching out to the Trenton Fire Department and Building Trades classes was suggested.
2. Packets for the Trenton Christmas Dollars program should be assembled earlier to allow for a smoother launch.
3. The City Park Christmas decorations looked great.
4. The first Light Up the Town promotion had 10 participants, and all winners donated their Trenton Dollars to the Green Bean Food Pantry. An earlier launch is recommended for next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **March Power Hours:** Scheduled for March 24 at 7-West from 11:30 to 12:30.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** The Masonic Lodge asked us to partner with them for this event. A motion to repeat our donation of three baskets was put forward; Stacy Billhartz approved, Cat Gebke seconded.
- **20th Annual Community BBQ:** Scheduled for May 2. For a successful event, we need a team of at least eight people, maximum of 10. The menu was also discussed. Thank you to Steve Wallace for spearheading this project!
- **Scholarships:** Linda Hanold will send details to Wesclin, Central, Mater Dei, Lebanon, Highland, and Mascoutah high schools. Stacy Billhartz will gather the scoring group and bring winners’ names to the April meeting.
- **Trick or Treat:** We will need a project leader for the 2026 event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **America 250 Events:** Mayor Brandmeyer announced that June 26 is the date for Trenton’s celebration. The Amphitheatre in the park will be ready for the festivities.
- **TrentonFest:** This year’s TrentonFest will be on August 21 and 22, with the parade on the 22nd.
- **Lucky Streak:** Doug Gegelman announced their one -year anniversary will be March 6.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Wallace and seconded by Stacy Billhartz.

Next Meeting:

April 28 | 6:00 p.m. | Trenton Kaskaskia College Extension Center