BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES | October 27, 2026

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

Attendees:
Victoria Zahn, President – Lu Lu's Doo Doo Crew
Linda Hanold, Secretary
Steve Wallace, Vice President
Dennis Herzig, Treasurer
Doug Gegelman – Lucky Streak
Paolo Guazzini – Jim's Suits and Tuxedoes

Guests: Megan Donjon and Karen Buzzard, City of Trenton

Thank you for your time!

SECRETARY'S REPORT:
A motion to approve the July 2026 minutes was made by Steve Wallace and seconded by Paolo Guizzani.

TREASURER'S REPORT:
The September financial report was approved as presented. Motion made by Steve Wallace and seconded by Paolo Guizzani.

Dieterich Bank	$19,875.27	General Fund
FCB	$31,769.77	CD-FCB
Scott Credit Union	$1,584.93	Trenton Dollars
Scott Credit Union	$2,018.18	Share Account
TOTAL	$55,248.15	

UPDATES:

- The TrentonFest parade went smoothly, with Victoria Zahn, Diane Mannhard, Linda Werle, and Linda Hanold representing the Chamber. Leftover glow sticks were repurposed for the Business Trick or Treat event.
- Victoria Zahn and Diane Mannhard attended the Harvest Hop on behalf of the Chamber. The 50/50 drawing raised $165, with the winner donating $60 back to the Chamber. Kaitlyn Carroll, Harvest Hop coordinator, expressed interest in transitioning the event to the Chamber. Both Kaitlyn and Megan Donjon offered to assist with the event moving forward.
- The 2026 Business Trick or Treat was a success. However, the intersection near Dairy King continued to present safety concerns. For the 2027 event, the Chamber will ask Dairy King and FCB to move their booths farther east to help improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

Additional crossing guards will also be needed, with a goal of having 14 in place for 2027. Megan Donjon suggested reaching out to Wesclin National Honor Society students for assistance. Leftover bracelets from the TrentonFest parade were put to use, and candy expenses came in well under budget.

CITY OF TRENTON PARTNERSHIP:

1. City of Trenton representatives Megan Donjon and Karen Buzzard expressed interest in partnering with the Chamber to increase awareness and promote activities within the city. Upcoming events include Sweet Treats and Local Stops, Music in the Park, and a job fair for high school students. Joint advertising opportunities with Downstate Illinois were also discussed, with Chamber events to be included in the promotional efforts.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Power Hour:** Tuesday, November 24, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 7-West. A representative from Clinton County CEO will be in attendance to share information about the program and its activities.
- **Nativity Setup:** Tuesday, November 24, starting at 2 p.m.
- **Christmas Decorating at the Park:** November to December
- **Sweet Treats & Local Stops:** November 28 to December 4.
- **Light Up the Town:** December 1 to 15

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Nominating Committee:** serve on the nominating committee.
- **CD at FCB:** Dennis Herzig reported that the Chamber's CD is due for renewal. He will review current rates at local Trenton banks and present the options to the board for approval of renewal or transfer.

Adjournment:
A motion to adjourn was made by Paolo Guizzani and seconded by Steve Wallace.

The meeting was reopened to discuss scholarship amounts. Linda Hanold made a motion to increase the scholarship awards from $500 to $1,000. Dennis Herzig expressed concerns regarding future fundraising efforts, particularly the golf tournament, as Linda and Tom Peppenhorst will be retiring from their roles in managing the event. Victoria Zahn shared that she will coordinate the tournament in 2027. The motion to increase the scholarship amounts was approved without opposition.

Second Adjournment:
A motion to adjourn was made by Paolo Guizzani and seconded by Dennis Herzig.

Next Meeting:
January 26, 2027 | 6:00 p.m. | Trenton Kaskaskia College Extension Center