

**Williamson Chamber of Commerce
Town Hall Complex Conference Room
February 24, 2016
Accepted 3/23/16**

PRESENT:

Officers: President Lorraine Lewis
Directors: Cynthia Baran, Sarah Jacobs, Elisa Knataitis
Guest: Tracy O'Hara, Williamson Central High School

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Lewis led all in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAIL/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Requests for monetary donations came from National Memorial Day Museum in Waterloo and from Pines of Peace in Ontario. We can not honor either request due to our budget status for 2016. It is agreed that we will forward the National Memorial Day Museum information on to the members in case they want to give a private donation.
2. Wayne Co. Council of the Arts sent their schedule of upcoming events and requested that we share with our members.
3. Rick Snyder of Rileigh's Décor sent communication about sale on outside Christmas decorations. Forwarded this information to Mike Orr.
4. Email from Perry Howland commenting on the "very positive step" the Chamber newsletter is in communicating with the membership.
5. United Way sent project form for the United Way Day of Caring.
6. Email from Robert Duffy, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, inviting us to attend a celebration of their new name and logo and the launch of their new website on March 3rd.
7. Email from Sodus Chamber President Jim Hopkins asking for a meeting to discuss our GiftCheck program as Sodus is thinking of starting a similar program.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of January 27, 2016 having been previously distributed was approved unanimously on a motion by Director Baran, seconded by Director Knataitis.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Daily Account

President Lewis presented the Key Bank account statement and the Quickbooks reconciliation sheet ending 2/24/2016. Director Baran reviewed the Daily account information and initialed the statements as correct. The balance of the Daily Account is \$7,773.61. There were no checks written against the account this month. On a motion by Director Jacobs and seconded by Director Knataitis, the report was unanimously accepted.

Gift Check Account

President Lewis also presented the Key Bank GiftCheck account statement and the QuickBooks reconciliation statement ending 2/24/2016. The statements have been reviewed by Director Baran and initialed correct as presented. The balance in the account is \$2,162.00.

2016 Budget

The 2016 budget was presented reviewed with corrections stated at the 1/27/16 meeting. The budget was unanimously accepted on a motion by Director Baran and second by Director Jacobs.

MEMBERSHIP

As of this date there are 56 members. We have a new member, Paul Winslow of Custom Finishes on Russell Road. A discussion was held on how to get more members and President Lewis requested that everyone should be asking non-member businesses to consider joining. We have lost a few businesses this year due to them going out of business or relocating. Membership dues at this time total \$2,530.00. We are \$470.00 from our goal of \$3,000.00. It was requested that President Lewis send to the Directors/Officers a list of non-renewing members for them to approach about renewing.

President Lewis handed out the membership list as of this date. It was noted that there are 11 businesses celebrating milestone events this year.

“OF THE YEAR” AWARDS DINNER

Ads requesting “Of The Year” nominations were placed in the Sun & Record and Times. End date for submissions is Friday, March 18th. President Lewis has contacted Chef Brad Yearwood of WTCC for dates in April and May that we may be able to hold the event. The Williamson High School has already contacted us to verify information on the “Youth Of The Year” submissions. The Directors and Officers were requested to think about nomination recommendations in case there is no response from the public in any category.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Dates in September that are being considered are the 10th or 17th. President Lewis will talk to the WC High School about being a back-up location in case of rain.

NEWS TO SHARE

Guest Tray O’Hara shared about her new position in the high school and what it entails.

Director Jacob’s commented on another Main Street business that is leaving, Dave’s Old Tools & Antiques.

Director Knataitis updated us on Photo Graphic Services submissions in PPA’s Photo Northeast District Competition.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Chamber meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 in the Williamson Town Hall Complex Conference Room at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Director Baran and second by Director Jacobs with all in agreement, President Lewis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Elisa Knataitis 3/19/16

Reviewed by
Lorraine Lewis, President
3/19/16