

Williamson Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2014
7:00 PM, Town Hall

PRESENT:

Officers: President Lorraine Mason, Secretary Perry Howland

Directors: Sarah Jacobs, Jackie Walker, Jim Hoffman

Welcome and Call to Order: President Mason welcomed all before calling the meeting to order at 6:56 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Mason asked all in attendance to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mail/Communications: 1. President Mason reported that she had received a request from Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society President Joan Carey to be on a committee to help select officers for the organization. She provided input and advice on sharing the various role/s and advice on a letter to be sent out to prospective officers. A follow-up phone call will then be made to prospective candidates. Director Walker noted that she has put together a training package to help board members in reaching out to prospective officers.

2. President Mason reported that she and Director Walker would be attending the Redeem Bethel COGIC 50th anniversary celebration and that Chuck Monsees will be attending as well.

MEETING MINUTES: 1. Director Walker, seconded by Director Jacobs, moved to accept the August 27, 2014 draft meeting minutes and all were in favor. Secretary Howland will forward these approved minutes to Salmon Creek Media to put on the chamber website.

Financial Report: 1. President Mason presented the Chamber Daily Account and Reconciliation Daily Detail account sheet ending September 24, 2014, noting that the \$315 bill for the membership ad and \$90 bill from Salmon Creek Media covering the period from June through August were paid. President Mason noted that she and Key's figures matched (\$4324.11) and that she has the deposit slips and check stubs from Williamson Central School and following a motion to accept the report by Director Walker, seconded by Director Jacobs, all approved the report.

GiftChecks: 1. President Mason reported the GiftCheck checking account balanced with \$2168.78 as the available balance. Only those GiftChecks from August 26, 2013 onward are good. Director Walker asked if funds from the expired GiftChecks are still in the account and President Mason will check on this. Director Walker also asked about moving expired funds in this account out and President Mason will research this and move funds based on what she finds. Director Walker then moved and Director Jacobs seconded to approve the GiftCheck report and all were in favor.

Report from Director Walker: Director Walker recounted how five weeks ago, she initiated talk with Wayne County official to schedule a meeting with the representative and a County IT representative. As the Wayne County official was going on vacation she was to call Director Walker upon her return. Receiving no call, Director Walker called and was told by official that she had nothing more to tell/share and to Director Walker's statement that she still had questions the official became defensive. As this all added up to five phone calls, Director Walker was then told that only County Clerk Mike Jankowski could schedule the type of meeting requested by Director Walker. The official told Director Walker that she would have Mr. Jankowski call her but no call has been received as of yet. Director Hoffman will share this information with Mr. Jankowski and encourage him to call Director Walker. Director Hoffman (in his role as Wayne County Chair of the Board of Supervisors) has no authority over Mr. Jankowski as he is an elected official.

Social Event: President Mason announced that a casual social event would be held on October 9 from 6 until 8 pm at Apple Country Spirits. Perry Plyter will provide music, and at the present time about 22 people have indicated that they will be attending (Williamson=10, Ontario=10 and Sodus=2). President Mason reminded all that this is an open event and that the public is invited to attend as well.

Halloween Event: President Mason announced that the community Halloween Event was posted on Facebook and also publicized by eblasts. Seven rooms have been reserved so far, with ten more rooms available. Those planning to help at this event should arrive at 4:30 pm. The session will last for two hours and will only be for younger age students-there will be no older age activities. Activities include a dance, cartoons, trick or treat and food.

Chamber Project: Director Hoffman needs to touch base with Mike Stewart, as some type of signage is needed uptown on the sidewalk but not in the street, possibly using existing RG & E poles. A hole may need to be drilled in the sidewalk on the south side of Main Street. The suggestion was made to also change the color of the crosswalk where it crosses the street. President Mason would also like to see something of a similar nature done in Pultneyville and East Williamson.

NEXT MEETING: The next Chamber meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 22 in the Williamson Town Hall Complex Conference Room at 7:00 PM.

NEWS TO SHARE:

Director Hoffman reported that there will be a dedication/ribbon cutting ceremony for the Firefighter Memorial Pocket Park on September 27. He also requested that the chamber not renew its request to lease space in the Town Historian's office in order to free this space up for materials coming from former Town Historian Chester Peters. President Mason is willing to move the files and offered to donate the four-drawer units to the Town.

Secretary Howland had nothing to share.

President Mason had nothing to share.

Director Walker had nothing to share.

Director Jacobs had a question about the paving of Main Street.

ADJOURN:

Upon a motion by Director Jacobs, second by Director Walker, President Mason declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Perry Howland
Secretary