

Hancock Area Chamber of Commerce

February 11, 2019

In Attendance: Nancy Furdock, Bill Gross, Dawn Joyce, Dan Clark, Mike Argiros, Sherri Resti Thomas, Jerry DaBrescia, Charlene Caramore, Ken Salvestrini, Erin Mason, Dawn Corciari, Pat O'Brien.

Minutes submitted by Charlene Caramore.

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Nancy Furdock. The minutes from the January meeting will be approved at a later time.

Membership Drive

Bill Gross and Dawn Joyce will be initiating a membership drive for 2019. Letters will go out informing current members to renew. The letters will also include a flyer advertising the Trivia Night. A door-to-door drive will encourage those who are not current members to join. Thunder 102 will put out a reminder on renewals or new memberships on their radio station.

Trivia Night

On March 13, the Chamber and Thunder 102 will be sponsoring a free Trivia Night at the Hancock Hotel. Party Master will host the event. Door prizes will be offered by local businesses. A 50/50 drawing will be organized by Dan Clark and Nancy Furdock. In addition to the flyers placed around town, advertising will be on Facebook and Thunder 102. Mike Argiros will research the possibility of advertising before the previews of feature films at the cinema.

Bed Tax Grants

The applications for the County Bed Tax Grants are due on February 26. The Chamber will be submitting 2 grants, one for Christmas on the Square and the other for a 30 foot pole for event banners to be posted near Cadosia at the east end of the village. A motion was made to match the grant amounts and was approved.

New Business

Nancy Furdock was nominated as president of the Chamber. Dan Clark was nominated to be vice president. Motions were made for both positions and approved.

Chamber bylaws need to be reviewed. A few changes were discussed and approved:

- Article IV: Section 1 – The annual meeting of the organization shall be held each January at such time and place as shall be determined by the Officers and Directors.
- Article IV: Section 4 – Ten percent (10%) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at annual, special, or regular meetings.

- Article V: Section 2 – The organization shall have no less than seven nor more than fifteen directors, including the four current officers. The terms of the directors shall run concurrently with the terms of the officers. The election of directors will occur each December at that month's regular meeting. The announcement and installation of directors shall be at the annual business meeting each January.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the board to accept these changes.

Bill Gross will research best practices for bylaws to help determine if the chamber should continue giving voting rights to paid members.

Also up for discussion at the next regular meeting is the inclusion of a line in the bylaws stating that an individual must be a director on the board for a minimum of one year before they can be considered for an officer position.

Fundraising Events 2019

Some fundraising events for this year were suggested such as a Top Shot county wide shooting contest. This two-day event could occur before hunting season and might become an annual event for both local and visiting hunters. Another suggestion would be an Oktoberfest separate from the Harvest Days. Discussions on other events will continue at a later time.

Our next meeting will be on March 5 at 5:30 in the FUDR Building.