

Hancock Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 Call to order at 5:45 PM

Members in attendance: Dan, Carmella, Mike, Coz, Jim Kilgore, Erin, Sherri, Jerry (and Valerie from Hancock Partners), Vallessa, Cindy Argiros

Treasurer's report:

\$9,328.10 in checking (\$2000 of which is on hold for brochure grant, \$500 is being paid to Jim for design- Erin is sending bill to Mike) \$3,094.28 in savings

Mike & Cindy Argiros bought the Hancock Herald! Cindy will be running it. First publication estimated to be Oct 14. Cindy@hancockherald.net is contact info

Member Spotlight-

Carmella is still doing updates on Thunder 102.1 & 104.5 every Friday morning around 8. If there is an update or info you would like on the radio, please email her.

Cindy and Jim are working together to publish spotlights in Herald again. The goal is to have 3 in the 'bin' ready for publication. Carmella suggests spotlighting members who are running close to full capacity. Jim is contacting Redkill Mountain as next spotlight. Fox Bowling, Hancock Cinemas, Camptons are potential ones once up and running.

Jerry, Coz, & Valerie pitched an idea about creating a tax incentive for new businesses in Hancock. 60% of restaurants in NYC who closed due to covid will not re-open- could be looking to relocate. A program we would want to market and advertise. They want to involve the mayor. Basically, what costs can be deferred? Market to NYC and Philly area. Jim brought up creating a "Welcome Mat" for Hancock newcomers. Work with real estate agencies to create program and referrals from NYC/Philly. Also a good idea to create a video of Hancock and interview locals/newcomers. Potentially a senior project or college student(s) can help. Valerie mentioned getting together soon to bounce ideas.

Erin sent out an email asking for support for a grant that would be for a survey on behalf of the Hancock partners to send out seeing if Hancock would be a good area to build a trauma center. A trauma center stabilizes a patient before sending them to the most beneficial hospital for treatment. *Note* The grant is for survey funding ONLY, NOT the actual grant. If the survey grant is received the next steps are to find out if the area is feasible and create/design a plan.

No update from the activities committee. Jim brought up a craft/artisianal vendor show at the high school in January or February.

Election Committee for handling nominations and elections... Bill, Carmella, and Vallessa have volunteered.

Brochures will move forward next spring. We received approval from Delaware County to hold the funds for brochure and summer nights until next year.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 6th at 5:45 PM

Adjourned at 6:39 PM.

