

Coloma Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce
January 12th
Board of Trade

Board Members Present: Susie Moser, Dave Scheuer, Linda Jackson, Jim Frazier, Steve Graffenius, Matt Moser, Rochelle Ulleg.

Board Members Absent: Katie Richcreek, Karla Smothers

Members Present: Tammy Yeager, Denise Barowicz, Tyna Smith, Stacey Davis, Peter Bush, Angie Frazier, and Chana Kniebes.

Call to Order: President Susie Moser called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes: A motion was made by Scheuer and supported by Barowicz to approve the minutes from November 10th. All in favor motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Scheuer went over the finance report for November.

Total bills in November were **\$1,032.87** (\$1,000 Resource Sharing, \$32.87 for lunch for an officer meeting.)

The checking account balance as of November 30th was \$8,395.66 and deposits were \$63.00 for dues. The savings account balance is \$4,292.59. A motion was made by Gear and supported by Jackson to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Scheuer then went over the December finance report. Bills in December totaled \$1,798.10. There were no deposits and the checking account balance as of December 31st was \$6,403.81. A motion was made by Ulleg and supported by Frazier to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Membership Report: There are now 136 current members. Our newest member is Modern Woodmen.

New Business:

Election: President Moser presented the slate of officers for 2016-2018.

A motion was made by Gear and supported by M. Moser to accept the slate of officers as presented. All in favor motion carried.

Thank you everyone for their willingness to serve and a big thank you to Susie Moser for her years of service on the Chamber Board.

New Officers Election for 2016-18

Proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2016-2018

President-Karla Smothers Chemical Bank

Vice President-Tom Gear Tri-County Computer Services

2nd Vice President-Dave Scheuer Honor Credit Union

Treasurer-Linda Jackson River of Life Church

Secretary-Denise Barowicz Edward Jones Investments

Board Members

Katie Richcreek-North Berrien Historical Museum

Matt Moser-Grandpa's Orchard and Moser Fruit Tree Sales

Jim Frazier-Vincent J. Jewelers

Rochelle Ulleg-Robert Michael Salon and Spa

Steve Graffenius-Bestway Disposal

Tammy Yeager-Lakeland Community Hospital Watervliet

Yearly Donations: A motion was made by Gear and supported by Ulleg to spend \$500.00 on yearly donations to the Watervliet Independence Weekend Celebration and the Coloma Glad Peach festival. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Business Recognition Recap:

Thank you to everyone who attended this event. The evening was very enjoyable with good food, a fun time and awards to the deserving recipients. The members receiving awards that evening were M & M Polishing for Community Investment, Robert Michael Salon and Spa for Community Excellence, Midway Baptist Church for Community Impact and Rick Rasmussen received a Community Service Award. We hope to continue to have this each year at the Fairfield Inn and Suites and it is a beautiful venue and makes for a lovely evening.

Guide 2016-2018: Ads are being sold by Sherina from Leader Publication for our new full color guide that will come out in May. Contact the chamber office for more information.

Website: The website is currently being updated and will go on line soon.

Member Updates:

River of Life: Pastor Linda updated members on activities at the Church.

Lakeland Watervliet: Yeager reported on the great number of patient satisfaction at the hospital and the extended hours of the Walk-In Clinic.

Vincent J. Jewelers: Frazier reported they have a beautiful new grandson! They were busy with the Christmas season and now the stores are gearing up for the busy Valentine shopping.

Midwest Family Broadcasting: Stacey shared with board members that they hope there will be a live remote again for the Coloma St. Pat Parade on March 12th.

Medley in the Park will be listed as being on the Cosy Summer Tour this takes the place of BBQ and Blues. Wedding World is coming January 30th and is a big event and there are still a few booth spaces available for a business to participate.

Robert Michael Salon and Spa: Ulleg expressed her thanks for the Community Excellence. The salon will be celebrating their 5th year in business and they are revamping some of their salon space. Now is a busy time with queen pageants in the area.

Edward Jones Investments: Barowicz reported that Money Smart week is the 3rd week in April and there will be upcoming seminars held locally for anyone interested.

River of Life Church: Jackson reported that the church will soon be doing the Financial Peace Seminar and Workshop and a marriage workshop.

Bestway Disposal: Graffenius passed out fliers for a Spaghetti Dinner that will take place on Saturday January 30th at the Fire Station in Coloma for Tammy Obermesik who is the office manager at Bestway as she was diagnosed with colon cancer. Anyone that would like to donate can do so at Chemical Bank. The funds will be used to support her and her family with medical bills and work leave.

Tri-County Computer: Gear reported that there are several computer scams out there as usual so be diligent. One of those is someone sending you an unsolicited resume.

Coloma Community School: Coloma Superintendent Bush reported that the school is closed today for bad weather and the Strategic Planning group will start up their meetings again.

Van Buren Reminder: There are many advertising opportunities for businesses in their publications. Watervliet has been doing a page and this is a great way to drive traffic to your business.

Miscellaneous: There was a brief discussion about lighting issues in downtown Watervliet. This is an ongoing discussion at the DDA meetings.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Gear and supported by M. Moser to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana Kniebes
Recording Secretary