

Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting October 5, 2023

Attendees: Austin Dean, Samantha Gargas, Megan O'Brien, Bill Kegerize, Fred Garcia, Tim Davies, Dawn Baldoff, Jenny Caughhorn, Jennifer Fording, Jessica Grechowiak, Heather Swander, Brenda Murphy, Ashlee Farvel, Mitch Hoyles, Brent Huston, Marsha Lee Leeann Dufendock

The Meeting was opened by Vice President Austin Dean

Minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Megan second by Marsha. With one correction Sam Gargas was not present at the meeting. Treasurer report was approved with a motion by Marsha second by Megan.

Executive Board: Membership renewals have been sent out via mail and email. The annual dinner is November 2, 2023 the cost of \$30.00 per person. Megan suggested the Hometown hero be invited.

Finance Committee: No donation request

Village: The Mayor was invited by WTOL to appear on the new 4:00 show and it was this past Monday. The village is working on 230 acres of property to be annexed, this property is off of St. Rt 163. Pump stations are being worked on in the next 6 months all will be replaced. There was a survey put out by the Mayor and Village for the designs on the water towers, a final decision has not been made yet.

School: Brenda said the school year is going well, she also talked about the new butterfly garden in memory of Ellen Bergman. This garden was done by all donations.

OCIC: The ninth annual showcase will be at the Ottawa County fairgrounds. The annual meeting will be held at the Genoa Civic Center.

Churches: ARC will be celebrating 35 years this year. They are also looking for ideas to use the church for community events, on Monday evenings there is a free karate class. St Johns will be having their annual dinner November 11th, which is a fundraiser for roof repair. Also the nurturing center now has approximately 170 children. On Dec 17th the women's ecumenical Christmas service will be held at St Johns. Tim Davies talked about Issue 1.

GRV: Participated in OCIC. Will be hiring Heather a new assistant. The memory center is about 50 percent full, and unfortunately there have been a lot of calls for detox patients which have had to be turned away. In September the GRV had tailgating and players and cheerleaders from GHS came. Trunk or treat will be next Wednesday from 6-7.

County: Jessica reported there will be a Young women's leadership which is a national program and includes freshman girls. This conference will be in March of 2024.

Library: There was sewer line damage and wanted to apologize for the construction. There is bingo today, and the Halloween costume exchange on Saturday. October 10 there will be toddler sensory, October 14 adult craft, October 18 kids craft, October 24 True crime club, October 25 voting forum, October 26 homeschool hour. Light boxes start this month, and you can sign up at the library or online.

With no further business Sam made a motion to adjourn with a second by Megan.

Next Chamber meeting: Annual Dinner November 2, 2023