Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce

Board Meeting, April 6, 2023

Attendees: Gail McWatters, Megan O’Brien, Austin Dean, Samantha Gargas, Ariel Jacobs, Tim Davies, Cody McPherson, Heather Swander, Sam Sutter, Mayor Brent Huston, Fred Garcia, Mark Stahl, Brian Huston, Stephanie(OCDJFS), Rachel, Julie Humbarger, Marsha Lee.

The meeting was opened by President Gail McWatters.

Minutes were reviewed and approved

Treasurer Report: Met with the events chairmen to work out s budget. Ottawa County Meeting has been changed to August 17th. Motion by Austin, seconded by Megan to approve expenses. Motion to approve treasurer’s report seconded by Gail

Thomas Bergman, Village Administrator, requested $2000.00 for help with the cleanup of old Gordon and for the concrete. This building is used for storage and chamber events.

Donation requests: $2500. for insurance coverage for homecoming

 $2000 start up money for the Farmers Market

 $4000 for start up for the Car Shows

 $2500 for insurance coverage for Harvest Fest.

 $810 for new signs that will be used by all events. This is to come from the sign fund.

 Goal is to have all events be self-sustaining

 Motion by Austin, seconded by Samantha to approve the donation requests. Motion carried

Looking for event boards. Car Show asked about signs. Ariel made a motion to approve the requested donations , seconded by Sam.

Terms discussion has been tabled.

Finance Committee will consist of 4 people: Treasurer, Vice President, and two others. This will be voted on at May meeting

 Executive Board will be selected by the Board. and in turn report back to the Board.

Mayor reported that Thomas is now our Village Administrator and Kevin is Project Manager

School: This is testing season so concentration is centered on this.

Mark Stahl reported that April is County Government Month structured by the State. Must follow ORC .County wants state to take over indigent. City government is faced with expense of jails. There is a need for mental health in the jails. The counties of Ottawa, Erie, and Sandusky will share in this project.

Stephanie from the ODOJFS announced this April is Child Abuse Month and urges us to wear blue April 12th. She also has windmills to be displayed around town.

Churches: ARC Leadership Conference is going well. Julie Humbarger from St. John announced that Good Friday Service will be hosted by them. On May 6th from 9:00 to 1200 Mercy Health will host a Screening Fair at the church.

Library will have a plant exchange day Saturday April 8th.Plants will be donated. You bring a plant and exchange them for a plant. For instance, you bring daisies and you can exchange them for tulips. This will start at 10;30

Genoa Care Center is building a fish tank. New furniture is being delivered. Employee wellness (physical and mental)ss being addressed. On June 6th, 40 bike riders will be doing a rest stop at our facilities. About forty bikers riding .from Cincinnati to Sylvania and will stop here. Police will help with traffic

Gail announced the Farmers Market will be from 5:00 to 8:00pm

Homecoming theme has been set. Sign up to volunteer.

Spotlight for May is Amplex.

Remaining Chamber Spotlights: June

 July

 August Genoa Family Eye Care

 September Library

 October

 November

 December

With no further business, amotion by Austin, seconded by Gail was made to adjourn.