**GENOA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

 Board Meeting October 7,2021 7:30AM Genoa Council Chambers

The meeting was brought to order by Vice President, Megan O’Brien. **Those in attendance were: Jenny Caughorn, Tim Davies, Mike Ferguson, Luke Sutter, Megan O’,Brien, Ariel Gresh-Jacobs, Austin Dean, Jeff Krabil and Marsha Lee.**

**President Dan Skees was unable to attend because of being in Cardo Rehab for his recent heart attack.**

**Secretary Minutes Approved**

**Treasurer’s report to be sent later**

Old Business: Comments on recent Harvest Fest. Need more pumpkins for the library activity, need better advertising, Need a better schedule with activities and times. With better communication with vendors and participants of the events , next year will be better.

New Business: Leeann Dufendock would like to chair the Harvest Fest next year. She has already been thinking of ways to improve the fall event. Her only problem is the date will need to be change because of a family conflict. She suggests that it be held September 10th. Chamber members present felt this could be done.

Genoa Area Halloween Kids Night: because the Kiwanis is unable to sponsor this event, a committee was formed by the community to sponsor the parade. The committee is asking the Chamber for a donation to help cover expenses. Luke Sutter suggested that this committee become a sub committee of the Chamber so they would be covered with our 501c3 and the Chamber insurance. Luke then asked about a donation. The Chamber agreed to a $500.00 donation to start with. Chamber members agreed to this.

Date for the Annual Dinner: It was agreed on that date be set for December 2nd. Jenny and her committee will need help with this.

Jeff Krabil presented the Ottawa County Community Guide. It is time to update this guide. This guide advertises the communities in Ottawa County. They will be contacting businesses to advertise in this guide..

 Mike Ferguson reported on the situation with the schools. New teachers had to be hired to fill the classrooms. .Adjustments have to be made concerning the Covid quarantine situation process. The levy will be back on the ballot in November. This levy is needed to help maintain where the finances are at the present. With all the State cuts, it is hard to maintain the budget.

Welcome to Austin Dean who will be joining his father Larry Dean at Edward Jones.

With no further business. The meeting was adjourned by Vice President, Megan O’Brien.

Next meeting Thursday morning November 4th, 7:30AM @ the Town Hall .

Items to be addressed are Annual meeting/dinner and the Christmas Parade

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Lee, Secretary