**GENOA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce, April 2022**

The meeting was brought to order by President, Megan O’Brien. **Those in attendance were: Megan O’Brien, Jenny Caughorn, Austin Dean, Bill Kegerize, Gail McWaters, Dan Skees, Brian Huston, Mark Stahl, Mike Ferguson and Marsha Lee.**

**Secretary’s report corrected and approved by a motion by Gail McWaters, seconded by Dan Skees**

**Treasurer’s report approved by a motion by Dan Skees, seconded by Gail McWatters**

Luther Home of Mercy will have a Cinco de Derby May 6 @ Pinnacle in Maumee

.Discussion concerning the sign fund at Genoa Bank. Signage fund to be used for signs for the bike trail.

Motion by Erick Schrarer seconded by Megan O’Brien to pay the insurance for Homecoming. Motion carried.

OCIC presentation by Chris Singerling, Executive Director. Office located across from the fair grounds. Ottawa County is the largest County in Ohio. Business Retention-helps businesses retain and grow. Attractions-filling Main St. and outskirts to help bring businesses to Genoa. Work Force Stability-declining population. In 2020 3 million people left the work force because of retirement, to stay home. Start a work force to develop trades. Possible Tech Center. Community Marketing-Social Media, Press, TV interaction. Comprehensive Committee Development.Also attending was Jessica Grzechowick OCIC, Heather Swander from Genoa Retirement Village, Steve Tucker from Luther Home of Mercy.

School: In Process of hiring a principal, Elementary PTO Carnival coming back, Prom May 5th, Graduation June 5th inside. Boosters Casino Night was a big success.

Mark Stahl, County Commissioner: Water line from Materion to Elmore in progress .Mark had a discussion with the Mayor about Genoa extending a water line from Port Clinton

Car Shows: Four shows are scheduled Jen will send out letters for T Shirt sponsors.

Harvest Fest: Leeann has scheduled a meeting for May 10, 6:00PM @ the Town Hall

Upcoming Events: Luther Home of Mercy is working on the Garden of Compassion. Tickets for the Bill Nolte Performances during Homecoming are on sale now for $10.00 per person

 Meeting adjourned by President Megan O’Brien.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Lee, Secretary