**GENOA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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

The meeting was brought to order by President, Megan O’Brien. **Those in attendance were: Megan O’Brien, Jenny Caughorn, Tim Davies, Ariel Gresh-Jacobs, Austin Dean, Dan Skees, Bill Kegerize, Gayle McWaters, Thomas Bergman, Leeann Dufendock and Marsha Lee.**

**Megan opened the meeting by introducing the new board members.**

**Secretary’s report approved by a motion by Dan Skees, seconded by Gayle McWaters.**

**Treasurer’s report was sent by Erick. He reported that the finances were good. A discussion was had concerning the cost of the new town sound system. A motion by Jenny, seconded by Gayle to approve treasurer’s report.**

**Board of Trustees: There are open positions for the Board of Trustees. Luke Sutter will remain as Chairman. It was suggested that an email be sent to the presiding Board to see if they are able or willing to remain on the Board. Names have been suggested for future members. A decision will be made after replies are received from the current members.**

Recap from the Annual Meeting and the Christmas Parade: Feedback was good for the dinner. They liked that no entertainment was had. It gave the members a chance to socialize and got them out of the meeting at a decent time considering it was a week night. It was suggested the Christmas Parade be scheduled for the first Sunday in December with an alternate bad weather date. We will discuss this more at the October meeting.

Amplex is offering discounts. We need to check into this and report back next month.

Remember social media is available to market your business

Would like to possibly vote a Chamber Member of the Month. More discussion next month.

Updates from the Mayor: The Town will put $10000.00 toward the cost of the Sound System for the town. T Mobile has grants for villages who are restoring their Village. Thomas will apply for one of these grants in hopes that it could be used for lights to enhance the building. Drug Mart is still working on the SR 51 project.

Commissioner Mark Stahl reported the Annual Budget for the County is $108 million.

Harvest Fest: Leeann Dufendock has volunteered to be the chairman of this event. She already has people volunteered to help with the Fest. She would like to possibility incorporate a Street Fair. She is working on ideas and volunteers that will help with this event.

Upcoming Events: Library Reading Program now through February 28. Chocolate Lovers Fest at ARC, February 12.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Lee, Secretary