

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce minutes of the August 22, 2024 meeting

Those present: Krista Ankrom, Alyssa Barnecut, Samantha Betts, Brenda Carney, Vince Carpico, Lydia Coakley, David Foltz, Toni Harper, Sue Henwood, Jennifer Martinez, Dee Mowry, Billy Robinette, Ken Shofter, Sue Schmitz, Linda Ward, David Weber, Denise Wingard, Stephani Young, and speaker Jennifer Moore. President David Foltz called the meeting to order at noon and led the group in the pledge of allegiance; Pastor Linda Ward offered the invocation. The ladies of the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church served lunch.

Following introduction of guests, the president asked for a review of the secretary's report as emailed. There being no additions or corrections, Dee Mowry moved its approval, seconded by Ken Shofter and carried. The treasurer reported a new member, Peters Plumbing and reported the following balances:

checking account	\$5 985.65
money market account	6 808.54 (formerly community fund)
CD	12 730.44
CD	14 088.03
CD	5 260.12

David Weber moved that the chamber support the Pumpkin Walk with \$100 donation, seconded by Krista Ankrom and carried.

Under old business, APG Media reported that the Bremen Chamber Directory is in progress but will not be out by the Oktoberfest.

In new business, Linda Ward presented a need from the Bremen Community Methodist Church for funds for their Breakfast-4-U program for students at the middle school. Dee Mowry suggest application to the Fairfield Foundation. David Weber moved to donate \$500 toward it, seconded by Toni Harper and carried. Lydia Coakley reviewed sponsorship levels for the Oktoberfest; Sue Henwood moved that we donate \$500, seconded by Denise Wingard and carried.

In announcements, the Perry County Housing Coalition will have their annual fundraiser on Saturday, October 19, at St. Rose Community Center, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.;there will be both silent and live auctions.

Jennifer Moore of Stebelton-Snider spoke on the need for estate planning tools. The first is a last **will and testament**, but also a **financial power of attorney** and a **health care power of attorney**. A **living will** kicks in if two doctors

declare you permanently unconscious. If there is no **POA**, in the case of incompetence, a guardianship may be sought by someone not of your choosing. The **last will and testament** allows you to say where you want your belongings to go and is overseen by an executor you choose. The executor is activated only when appointed by probate. Opportunities to avoid probate on property in your name include **Transfer on Death, joint ownership with right of survivorship** or **Trusts**. **Trusts** are best if there are minor children involved; **revokable trusts** allow you to move things in or out at will, whereas **irrevocable trusts** do not. Jennifer encouraged people to contact her for information specific to their circumstances.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schmitz, secretary