

# Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

## Minutes of the September 26, 2024 meeting

The chamber met at noon at the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian church. Those present: Tim Byers, Lydia Coakley, Brenda Carney, David Foltz, Sue Henwood, Dee Mowry, Billy Robinette, Sue Schmitz, Ken Shofter and guest Leann Hart who is the BAHS museum chairman, Linda Ward, David Weber, Heather Yontz, Stephani Young, and speaker Jackie Howard.

President David Foltz welcomed the group and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance; Pastor Linda Ward offered the invocation. The ladies of the church then served lunch. Jackie Howard of the ADAMH board spoke about the services provided by the board and the need for the renewal levy on the November ballot. ADAMH has a staff of 13, one of whom is part time and serves all of Fairfield County. A needs assessment shows a need for youth services. They help fund 15 non-profits, including *Big Brothers, Big Sisters* and *Meals on Wheels*; both of these reduce social isolation, and that contributes to the suicide prevention initiative. The Starlight Center provides a site for crisis stabilization of addiction and mental health disorders while referrals are made to other agencies. A call to ADAMH is referred to **211**, the clearinghouse for agencies that can help with a variety of needs. Two-thirds of ADAMH's funding is from the 2014 levy, with the remainder coming from state and federal moneys.

The president opened the business meeting with a call for additions or corrections to the minutes of the August meeting as e-mailed to members; there being none offered, Dee Mowry moved their approval, seconded by David Weber and carried. The treasurer reported the following account balances:

checking account:	\$3 062.65
money market:	7 909.12
CD	12 781.90
CD	14 144.98
CD	5 281.97

The motion to receive the treasurer's report was made by Dee Mowry, seconded by Ken Shofter and carried.

No news on the request for unclaimed funds from the state of Ohio.

The Executive Board meeting of September 23 dealt with nominations for officers and two trustees; these will be voted on at the **November 14 annual meeting, to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Bremen Area Historical Society.** Suggestions for programs for 2025 and possibly deleting June and July meetings from the 2025 schedule will be considered.

In old business David Weber moved to renew chamber membership in the historical society at a cost of \$50; motion seconded by Dee Mowry and carried. In new business, the chamber considered supporting the Junior Fair Auction at the county fair; David Weber moved to bid up to \$600. The motion was seconded by Dee Mowry and carried; the chamber thanks David Foltz for bidding in the chamber's name.

Announcements:

**Bremen Directory** corrections need to be to Brenda Carney **by Sept, 27**.

The Bremen **Oktoberfest** will be **Saturday, September 28**, at Howell Park. The chamber's donation will provide fifty free rides bracelets (\$10 each) to children.

The Perry County Housing Coalition **fundraiser** is still accepting donations for the **October 19 event** at St. Rose Community Center in New Lexington. There will be live and silent auctions, raffles and special drawings, food and beverages.

The next meeting of the chamber will be **October 26** at the **Rushcreek Pub & Grub** - note the change of venue. The motion to adjourn was made by Dee Mowry, seconded by everyone and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schmitz, secretary