

Sodus Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes: 2018

NOVEMBER 2018

Present: Jennie Sedore, Jim Hopkins, Jane Hopkins, Kari Hopkins, Chris Hopkins, Sandra Hamilton, Craig Wollensen. Diane DiWispelaere, Alice Bill, Patty Paprocki, Lara Duckett, Beth Ares, David Ares, Martha Miller, Jim Miller, Mary Jane Mumby

Minutes read and accepted

Detailed year end treasurer report given by Patty Paprocki

Elections of Officers for 2019

No nominations from the floor, secretary cast one ballot for the following:

Chris Hopkins – Director

Mary Jane Mumby – Director

Michele Kerr – Vice President

Beth Ares – Secretary

Bylaws to be reviewed by Patty Paprocki, Sandi Hamilton and Alice Bill

Harvest Fest:

Over 2000 people in attendance

Application fee to be raised to \$45 from \$40

New forms will be posted on our website next week

Vendor wanted flyers to be handed out during the Christmas season

Christmas party at Young Sommer Winery on 12/6 at 6 pm

Catered with guests paying \$10 per person and chamber the rest

Grab bag gift of \$20

Food pantry items will be collected

Santa in the Park on Friday after Thanksgiving

Chamber donating \$100

Wallington Fireworks on 12/1/9

Chamber donating \$300

Discussion held on donating towards park bench in Sodus Point to ice rink

Alice Bill to contact village for more info

St Johns Holiday Bazaar – will attend and pay \$25 table fee

Thank you notes were received from some of the scholarship winners

ARC has received a grant for a trailer that can be used for events that has a PA system etc.

Jay Roscup is contact

Jim and Martha Miller thanked the Chamber for hosting the open house at the Wallington Cobblestone school house. \$500 was donated that day and another \$1500 came in afterwards. The cost of a new roof is about \$5000 and they are looking into grants to cover cost.

Suggestion made that Chamber start looking into grants

Next meeting will be for Board members in January 2019 to plan next years events and programs. Regular membership meeting will be in February at place to be determined.

Short tour of the STAC facility followed the meeting.

AUGUST 2018

Chamber's August 2018 meeting was old fashioned picnic at Lighthouse

SEPTEMBER 2018

September was at Cobblestone School House

OCTOBER 2018

October was the Meet and Greet the Candidates

MAY 2018

Present: Pauline Baker, Mary Ellen Fava, Jennie Sedore, Audrey Ferris, Nancy Ross, Patty Paprocki, Beth Ares, Debra Spring, Craig Wollensen, Julie Syracuse, Michele Kerr, Ray Seppler, Erma Seppler, Sandra Hamilton, Bob DeBadts, Julie DeBadts, Alice Bill, JR Ruiz, Jim Hopkins, Chris Hopkins, Kari Hopkins, Mary Jane Mumby

Meeting started off with presentation of plaque from Bob Schlueter from the American Diabetes Assoc's Tour de Cure. This was in appreciation of our volunteering to staff the rest stop at the Wallington fire hall again this year. We have done this since 2016 and last year the Tour raised over \$1.1 million beating out Napa Valley California. Approximately 700 bicyclists ride from Xerox to either Wallington for the 60-mile route, or to Chimney Bluffs for 100-mile route.

Due to the high attendance at this meeting, everyone was asked to introduce themselves.

Mary Jane Mumby attended the Rotary dinner that was held for Congressman Katko. She invited him to the Meet and Greet in October and also the Harvest Fest. He and his aides were happy to have such advanced notice.

It was decided that three scholarships be given out, one for \$500 in Ernie Piekunka's name and two \$300. The school chooses the winners based on our questionnaire.

Craig Wollensen passed around a list of possible activities for the Pumpkin Fest at Camp Beechwood on 10/13. Possible times could be noon to late afternoon so there could be a camp fire. Many good ideas but manpower will be needed, suggested he reach out to other groups

since the Chamber will have just finished Harvest Fest and the Meet and Greet the Candidates is set for the next day on 10/14. All felt that a giant pumpkin contest wouldn't be a good idea since one is done at Harvest fest. Mary Ellen Fava offered to help with the plans.

Beth Ares handed out posters for the Town/Village cleanup/e-waste days. The school will be sending home flyers with the students.

Harvest Fest has 31 vendors already signed up. Meeting will be on 5/21 at 5:30

Alton Fire Dept will have chicken bbq and flea market on 5/12

Bruce Farrington will do a virtual tour of Sodus at the Dutch Reform church on 5/10 starting at 7 pm. August 11 is the official Centennial celebration in Sodus Village and will have events all day long.

JR Ruiz will be hosting a financial workshop at Young Sommer Winery.

St John's will have a Mother day bazaar on May 5 and the Chamber has a table. They will also have blue grass music in the evening.

Presbyterian Church will again have their hanging basket sale in time for Mother's Day

Vintage Matters told about some of their upcoming seminars/workshops. The front the store holds all sorts of furniture, candles, soaps and linens, the center has a spot for the workshops and back of the building is set up for furniture refinishing. They are open Friday, Saturday and Sunday for now.

Next meeting will be held at Imprint Coffee (old trolley barn where mural is hanging) on June 7 at 6 pm, menu and program to be determined.

APRIL 2018

Present: Jane Hopkins, CJ Guenther, Terry Whitt, Patty Paprocki, Mary Ellen Fava, Jennie Sedore, Lara Duckett, Mike Scoville, Beth Ares, David Ares, Pauline Baker, Sandra Hamilton, Michelle, Kerr, JR Ruiz, Mary Jane Mumby

Treasurer Report: total in all accounts is \$9727.60 (see attached for break down)

Secretary Report: Previous minutes passed around, no corrections noted

Old Business:

Citizen of the Year Banquet – deadline for tickets is 4/6 – dinner is 4/13

Scholarship raffle – selling tickets in Reliant lobby on 4/6

Harvest Fest – There will be meeting first of May, past vendors have been notified via emails. Flyers are ready to be distributed.

New Business:

Chamber has 102 members with 15 new businesses since first of year.
Welcome packets available to members to take to any new business

Speakers:

Craig Wollesen -Pumpkin Fest on 10/13 – couldn't make meeting

Beth Ares on Spruce up Sodus: She has met with Village Mayor and Town Supervisor about enhancing "dump days". Since codes are different for each neither wanted to take the lead on this. Beth wants to print flyers and there was discussion as to whether this was a good idea since some might feel they were targeted, also manpower to distribute them and where they should be delivered. Chamber will do eblast that Beth provides after wording is approved. Posters could be put in store windows, other groups like Rotary, Lions, Scouts should be contacted for help.

Terry Whitt, Director of Pines of Peace in Ontario. She reviewed what they do for comfort care for people with less than 3 months to live. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the 2-bedroom brick home, lawn care, food preparation/cleanup, laundry, gardening etc. Any amount of time would be appreciated.

Misc.:

Tour de Cure is June 9 starting at 7 am till noon. Volunteers needed to hand out sandwiches, water, fruit and to talk to riders about our area.

Sodus Village Centennial has many events planned with first on 4/22.

Legislative Breakfast from WCBC is 5/11

May meeting has been moved from STAC to Vintage Matters (old ambulance building) on 5/3.
Alice Bill to coordinate food but stated everyone needs to bring their own chairs/seating.

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