

Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2022

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Location: HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, Oconto Falls

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up Action
I. Welcome		
II. Call to Order	Vice President Danielle Kline called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.	
III. Introductions	7 members in attendance; each introduced themselves.	If your business/organization would like to sponsor a meal for 2023 , please contact Katie Daul. With your sponsorship, you will be given time on the agenda to share about your business/organization.
IV. Member Spotlight	Jane Deprey from N.E.W. HOPE Coalition, a partner of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, shared the efforts of its coalition over the last 1.6 yrs. The coalition is substance and opioid use prevention, education, recovery, and treatment group covering 5 counties in northeast Wisconsin made possible by a HRSA 3-yr grant. September is National Overdose Awareness Month. There are various ways communities can help stop the drug epidemic.	Jane shared a PowerPoint; Chamber will share with its members.
V. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as presented. Motion made by Gipp-Jandrin; seconded by O'Harrow. Motion carried.	
VI. Reports		
a. Secretary	Minutes from July were sent electronically prior to the meeting for review. Accepted as presented.	
b. Treasurer	The Treasurer's Report was available at the meeting. Golf outing profit was roughly \$2,000.	

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	Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Harter and seconded by A. Ahlgrim. Motion carried.	
c. Chamber Communications (Facebook, Newsletter, Welcome Sign)	The electronic signs are working beautifully! Facebook and Newsletter are going well. Golf information can be removed/updated until 2023.	If you don't receive the newsletter, please sign up on our website. If you have something of interest, please share with the Chamber so it can be shared on your behalf.
d. Membership/Ribbon Cuttings	Looking to schedule ribbon cuttings for Hot Rod Detailing, S&L, Canady & Co., Wild Stitch, Lots of Deals & Health Markets.	Working on scheduling with owners.
VII. Committee Reports/Events		
a. Oconto Falls Area Trail System	Trails are still being worked on from the storm and are currently closed due to safety.	
b. Healthy Oconto County Farmers Market Nutrition & Physical Activity	Bronze Designation - will share PR when signs are installed. All going well! Additional signage was encouraged. Committee is looking for additional members. Committee is looking at expanding upon current trails. Also working on summer meal program for Suring school. Committee is looking for additional members. (Patrick Ahlgrim may be interested.)	 Katie to follow up with Patrick.
c. Run for the Trails 9/24/22	FFA Alumni has committed to offering breakfast burritos and chocolate milk for participants. RFTT Committee is looking for new members. (Carol Hedtke is interesting in joining.)	Recruiting volunteers for day of event! Please reach out to Gail, Debbie A., Danielle K., or Ann Senn if interested. Carol H volunteered.
d. Concert Series	Looking for 50/25/25 non-profit.	Katie will reach out to Pam Langley.

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e. Leadership Oconto County	8 participants make up this year's class. LOC is seeking a part-time, paid Program Coordinator. This position complements the Chamber Director position.	Visit www.leadershipoc.com for job posting.
f. Chamber Golf Social (8/4)	Thank you to all who sponsored or donated items! The social was a great success!	
VIII. Old Business		
a. Chamber Bucks	Continue to advertise chamber bucks with posters, pamphlets. Bucks can be mailed or purchased on our website store and mailed to you. You can also pick up at Hometown Vet (call ahead). Reminder to consider chamber bucks for holidays, anniversaries, employee recognition, raffle prizes, etc.	
b. City Signs	Awaiting word from City on moving forward. A new City Administrator and Street Dept Head have been hired.	BOD will work on setting up a meeting.
c. Bike Racks	Awaiting word from City on moving forward. A new City Administrator and Street Dept Head have been hired.	BOD will work on setting up a meeting.
d. Future of Chamber	Looking to hire a part-time, paid Chamber Director. This position complements the Leadership Oconto County position.	Please see the job posting on our website. https://ocontofallschamber.com/employment-and-volunteer-opportunities/
e. Virtual Trails	No update.	
f. Lotter Park	Awaiting word from City on moving forward. A new City Administrator and Street Dept Head have been hired.	BOD will work on setting up a meeting.
g. Other Old Business	None.	
IX. New Business		

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<p>a. Election Information</p>	<p>Board of Director positions are open for election in November. Process is done annually and will fill up to 7 BODs per bylaws.</p>	<p>If you would like to be on the ballot for BOD election in November, please reach out to any current board member (listed on website) BY November 10.</p>
<p>b. Budget</p>	<p>BOD will meet in October to formulate a draft agenda for membership approval in November.</p>	
<p>c. September is Chamber Month</p>	<p>Seeking ideas to celebrate Chamber month. Ideas include: stickers, proclamation from mayor, window clings for Chamber Bucks (accepting), visit/round robin members' businesses.</p>	<p>BOD will meet to determine what is suitable in the short amount of time and budget.</p>
<p>d. Other New Business</p>	<p>No other new business.</p>	
<p>X. Membership Updates</p>	<p>Membership shared updates. Of note: *Positive comments about our supportive community and its families struggling. NWTC - Beginning new semester. Looking at offering CPR, CNA, Firefighter II. Oconto County Youth Fair: Opening ceremony Thursday at 6p. OF FFA Alumni: Dairy Distribution scheduled for 8/24 from 4-? at the Library OF School District: Community Planning Committee for referendum will share recommendations to School Board on 8/22. St. Anthony School: Food Truck event will be held on 9/12 Oconto Falls Library: Seeking a new director as current has left for Oconto. OF Area Ambulance: New rig will be delivered next week St. Clare Memorial Hospital: Now offering Pet Therapy; will be participating in Oconto Co. Youth Fair and Suring Labor Day Parade.</p>	<p>Katie to share pet therapy info with Angie Ahlgrim.</p>
<p>Next Membership Meeting: September 15 at 12:00 p.m. at Oconto Falls Area Ambulance Garage (831 S. Main St., Oconto Falls) will be sponsoring lunch.</p>		



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Next Board of Directors Meeting: July 27 and August 24 at 7:30 a.m. at Hometown Veterinary Clinic.