

Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce  
Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Oconto Falls Area Ambulance, Oconto Falls

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up Action
<b>I. Welcome</b>		
<b>II. Call to Order</b>	Vice President Danielle Kline called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.	
<b>III. Introductions</b> <b>RAFFLE!</b>	14 members in attendance; each introduced themselves.  In celebration of Chamber Month, 2 \$10 Chamber Bucks certificates were raffled off. Congrats to Lauren and Sue!	If your business/organization would like to sponsor a meal for <b>2023</b> , please contact Katie Daul. With your sponsorship, you will be given time on the agenda to share about your business/organization.
<b>IV. Member Spotlight</b>	Angie and Patrick Ahlgrim from Oconto Falls Area Ambulance Service gave a presentation on services, equipment, and staffing. A new rig was recently purchased and tours were made available after the meeting. Volume continues to trend upward.	Chamber will share with the PowerPoint with its members.
<b>V. Approval of Agenda</b>	The agenda was approved as presented.  Motion made by A. Ahlgrim; seconded by Bahrke. Motion carried.	
<b>VI. Reports</b>		
a. Secretary	Minutes from August were sent electronically prior to the meeting for review. Accepted as presented.	
b. Treasurer	The Treasurer's Report was unavailable at the meeting.	Treasurer's Report will be sent out with the minutes.
c. Chamber Communications (Facebook, Newsletter,	The electronic signs are working beautifully!  Facebook and Newsletter are going well.	If you don't receive the newsletter, please sign up on our website.

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Welcome Sign)		<b>If you have something of interest, please share with the Chamber so it can be shared on your behalf.</b>
d. Membership/ Ribbon Cuttings	HealthMarkets will hold a ribbon cutting on 9/20 at 7:30 a.m.  Looking to schedule ribbon cuttings for Hot Rod Detailing, S&L, Canady & Co., Wild Stitch, Lots of Deals.	Working on scheduling with owners.
<b>VII. Committee Reports/Events</b>		
a. Oconto Falls Area Trail System	City and Biking Coalition continue to clear the trails, but the trails are now open!	
b. Healthy Oconto County  Farmers Market  Nutrition & Physical Activity	Bronze Designation - will share PR when signs are installed.  2022 season is complete. Planning for 2023 is already in the works.  Committee is looking at expanding upon current trails. Summer meal program is complete. Working on weekend meal program for school year.	Committee members needed! Reach out to Ashley Bahrke.  Committee members needed! Reach out to Katie Daul or Ashley Bahrke.
c. Run for the Trails  9/24/22	Planning continues.	Recruit volunteers and runners for day of event!  Please reach out to Gail Yatso, Debbie Arndt, Danielle Kline, if interested in being on the committee.
d. Concert Series  Recap and 2023 Planning	2022 series is complete.  Looking for band suggestions for 2023 and will need more volunteers to hold series.	Treasurer will share financial outcome.  Contact any Board member if interested in being on concert series committee.
e. Leadership Oconto County	September's session focuses on decision-making. A final project is to be determined.	

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	Looking for a Program Coordinator. This position complements the Chamber Director position.	Visit <a href="http://www.leadershipoc.com">www.leadershipoc.com</a> for job posting.
<b>VIII. Old Business</b>		
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	City signs have been approved at Council. Project will move ahead, with some task being done in spring.	Continue to work with City.
c. Bike Racks	Bike racks have been approved at Council. Installation will be yet this year before snow.	Continue to work with City.
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. <a href="https://ocontofallschamber.com/employment-and-volunteer-opportunities/">https://ocontofallschamber.com/employment-and-volunteer-opportunities/</a>
e. Virtual Trails	Due to costs, this project is on hold.	
f. Lotter Park	No update.	
g. Election (Board of Directors)	Board of Director positions are open for election in November. Process is done annually and will fill up to 7 BODs per bylaws.	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.
h. Chamber Month	September is Chamber Month. Watch for a write on social media! New window clings for businesses accepting Chamber bucks will be available in October. 2022 businesses' milestone anniversaries will be shared on electronic welcome boards.	
i. Other Old Business	None.	

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<b>IX. New Business</b>		
a. Other New Business	No other new business.	
<b>X. Membership Updates</b>	<p>Membership shared updates. Of note:</p> <p>OFHS Student Council is collecting donations for raffle event.</p> <p>Abrams Theatre: White Christmas begins in December; tickets available 10/1. Advance tickets for veterans are available now. Online auction is also taking place; looking for donations.</p> <p>WOCO: Application being accepted. Open House will be scheduled soon. AM Station 1260 has scheduled a program with Sean Paul.</p> <p>NWTC: CNA classes have openings (weekend).</p> <p>OFSD: Homecoming Parade is 9/18 followed by a Pep Rally. An Open House is scheduled for Washington Middle School on 10/5. New website on referendum material is now available. Bus drivers are needed! Crossing guards are needed!</p> <p>Lions Club: Booyah &amp; Chili Sale at Piggly Wiggly on 10/8 starting at 9a</p> <p>Flagstar: Informational packets available for phishing/scamming. Schedule your business review today!</p> <p>Lioness Club: Watch for Avenue of Lights information and sponsorship requests</p> <p>Machickanee XC Ski: Working on trails in preparation for season.</p> <p>St. Clare Memorial: Drive-through Drug Take Back Day scheduled for 10/29 from 10a-1p</p>	Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.
<p><b>Next Membership Meeting:</b> October 20 at 12:00 p.m. at NWTC (649 E. Jackson St., Oconto Falls) and will be sponsoring lunch. (Please park in back if able.)</p> <p><b>Next Board of Directors Meeting:</b> September 28 at 7:30 a.m. at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital.</p>		