

Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Oconto Falls City Hall, Oconto Falls

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up Action
I. Welcome		
II. Call to Order	President Gail Yatso called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.	
III. Introductions	21 members in attendance; each introduced themselves. Congratulations to Magan Holz for winning the random drawing for 2 coupons to White Christmas!	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	D's Bookkeeping sponsored lunch; thank you! Senior Center will complete remodeling by 12/31/22 and will be scheduling a grand re-opening in early 2023.	
V. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as presented. Motion made by Hess; seconded by Koehne. Motion carried.	
VI. Reports		
a. Secretary	Minutes from October were sent electronically prior to the meeting for review. Accepted as presented.	
b. Treasurer	The Treasurer's Report was shared at the meeting.	
c. Chamber Communications (Electronic Signs, Website, Social Media, Newsletter, Calendar)	Submit your events! Photo contest open until 11/30! Check the post on Facebook. A new Instagram profile was created!	If you have something of interest, please share with the Chamber so it can be shared on your behalf.

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d. Membership/ Ribbon Cuttings	Looking to schedule ribbon cuttings for Hot Rod Detailing, S&L, and Lots of Deals. Los Tres Magieyes (Oconto) will be holding a ribbon cutting on Friday, 11/18 at 10:30 a.m. Reminder to complete your 2023 membership online or print off form from your email.	Bill K to check on check-out process on website for membership. Gail to resend membership information for 2023 to members.
e. City Administrator	Peter sent his report to memes in advance of the meeting. Of note: a new library director has been hired; Christmas decorations downtown are going up, with Barb Salschieder leading the cause for decorating lightpoles.	
VII. Committee Reports/Events		
a. Oconto Falls Area Trail System Kiosks	Continue to invest in trail system. Working with Biking Coalition to update signage/add kiosks to trails.	
b. Healthy Oconto County Farmers Market Nutrition & Physical Activity	Bronze Designation - signs are up and will complete a press release Planning for 2023 is already in the works. Working on connecting trails.	BOD to finish press release. Committee members needed! Reach out to Ashley Bahrke.
c. Run for the Trails/Fall Event	Looking for new ideas for event, possibly to be held in conjunction with other summer events.	Please reach out to Debbie Arndt or Danielle Kline, if interested in being on the committee.
d. 2023 Concert Series Planning 6/23	Looking for band suggestions for 2023 and will need more volunteers to hold series. Suggestion by members include having a bluegrass band due to popularity.	Contact any Board member if interested in being on concert series committee. BOD to research bluegrass bands, Fire on High



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e. Leadership Oconto County	November session focused on healthcare/wellness including mental health first aid, employee/employer relations, rural pharmacies, and broadband access. December's session will be local government.	
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. Reminder to consider chamber bucks for holidays, anniversaries, employee recognition, raffle prizes, etc.	
b. City Signs	Board finalizing directionals and will order by end of year.	Request to share design mock-ups with membership.
c. Bike Racks	HOLD until 2023.	
d. Chamber Director	Looking to hire a part-time, paid Chamber Director.	Please see the job posting on our website. https://ocontofallschamber.com/employment-and-volunteer-opportunities/ Request to re-share on social media in December.
e. Lotter Park	City to lead project. Chamber will continue to support and assist as appropriate.	
f. Election (Board of Directors)	Ballot was shared for members to vote. New candidates provided a brief verbal bio. Members thanks President Gail Yatso for serving for 9 years. Motion to cast a unanimous ballot made by Barhke and seconded by Harter. All ayes; motion carried. 2023 Board of Directors are Debbie Arndt, Bill Koehne, Ginny O'Harrow, Katie Daul, Danielle Kline, Angie Ahlgrim, and Magan Holz.	



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	Officer positions will be determined at the Board of Directors meeting.	
g. 2023 Budget	Final 2023 Budget was shared and reviewed with membership. Motion to approve the 2023 budget was made by Bahrke and seconded by Holz. All ayes; motion carried.	
h. Other Old Business	None.	
IX. New Business		
a. Other New Business	None.	
X. Membership Updates	<p>Membership shared updates. Of note:</p> <p>Oconto County Youth Fair awaiting on 2023 dates.</p> <p>Tri-County United Way: Kevin shared new social media campaigns will begin in December, with focus on Oconto County.</p> <p>Ann Seen Realty - new business with offices in Oconto Falls and De Pere; will continue to also work with Keller Williams.</p> <p>Nurse’s Nook - Adopt a Family programming going on now and includes options for support via meals and cleaning/hygiene baskets.</p> <p>Machickanee XC Ski: Events coming up! Night hikes, wine nights, and trivia!</p> <p>Oconto Falls Utilities: Applications being accepted for Focus on Energy.</p> <p>OEC - Shared safety tips for holiday lights.</p> <p>Lioness Club - Avenue of Lights - Lighting Ceremony 11/26 at 6p, Santa arrives at 6:30. Fat Tire ride will be happening across the river.</p> <p>Abrams Theatre - another show added for White Christmas; get your tickets today!</p>	



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	<p>OFSD - Check out the school calendar. High need for subs, para-professionals, bus drivers, support staff.</p> <p>OF Area Ambulance - Chili and Booyah Fundraiser 12/3, plus open house and raffles. Looking for locations to sell raffle tickets.</p> <p>NWTC - CNA classes starting - early mornings. EMS Refresher classes available. Open House scheduled for 12/6 from 4:30-6:30</p> <p>Olive + Birch - Partaking in Small Business Saturday, plenty of deals and sales. Also adding pre-sales/online sales to business.</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.</p>
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Next Membership Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital

Next Board of Directors Meeting: December 21 at 7:30 a.m. at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital