

Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

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	President Danielle Kline called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.	
III. Introductions	15 members in attendance; each introduced themselves. Welcome Stacey Von Busch from Pulaski Area Chamber of Commerce	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	HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital sponsored breakfast; thank you! Nurse's Nook provides basic cares needs, food programs, OTC medications, mental health support, CPR training, winter gear, and Adopt a Family program to students and their families in the Oconto County school districts and beyond. The program is made possible through donations. If you would like to donate, volunteer, or serve on the Board of Directors, please reach out to Emily Macha or check out Facebook.	
V. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as presented. Motion made by Gipp-Jandrin; seconded by A. Ahlgrim. Motion carried.	
VI. Reports		
a. Secretary	Minutes from November were sent electronically prior to the meeting for review. Accepted as presented.	



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<p>b. Treasurer; Chamber Bucks Report</p>	<p>The Treasurer's Report was not available at the time of the meeting.</p>	
<p>c. Chamber Communicati ONS (Electronic Signs, Website, Social Media, Newsletter, Calendar)</p>	<p>Submit your events! Request to slow down the messaging on the electronic sign.</p>	<p>If you have something of interest, please share with the Chamber so it can be shared on your behalf.</p>
<p>d. Membership/ Ribbon Cuttings</p>	<p>Ribbon Cutting was held at Inspire Fitness!</p>	
<p>e. City Administrator</p>	<p>The City Administrator Report was not available at the time of the meeting.</p>	
<p>VII. Committee Reports/Events</p>		
<p>a. Oconto Falls Area Trail System Kiosks</p>	<p>Continue to invest in trail system. Working with Biking Coalition to update signage/add kiosks to trails.</p>	
<p>b. Healthy Oconto County Nutrition & Physical Activity</p>	<p>Community Health Survey is open until 3/17! Please take the time to complete (and share within your networks) as this drives initiatives for various agencies within our county.</p> <p>Walk into the Weekend walking series is being planned for the summer. Registration will open soon - 1-hr walks on our trails around the county.</p> <p>Farmers Market: Flyer, Vendor Application, and Donation letters have been sent out.</p> <p>Community Garden: Committee is fundraising for fencing and other needs. Location of garden will be behind the ambulance garage and will have approximately 42 plots. A section is reserved for Kingdom Come food pantry and</p>	<p>More information will be shared electronically.</p> <p>More information will be shared electronically.</p> <p>If you would like to learn more, please reach out to Emily Macha.</p>



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<p>Health and Safety Expo</p>	<p>Nurse’s Nook to ensure low income families have access to fresh produce. Working in partnership with the school to come to fruition.</p> <p>Committee is planning the return of Oconto County Health and Safety Expo for Saturday, May 6 from 9a-12p. Expo offers education and awareness to community members.</p>	<p>If you would like to be a vendor, please reach out to Paula Bake at paula.bake@hshs.org.</p>
<p>c. 2023 Concert Series Planning 6/23 7/28 8/25</p>	<p>All bands have been booked!</p>	<p>Contact any Board member if interested in being on concert series committee or able to volunteer.</p>
<p>d. Leadership Oconto County</p>	<p>Recent sessions focused on local government and education around our communities. Participants will be traveling to Madison in March to learn about state government.</p>	<p>Seeking participants for next year’s class! Please reach out to Ashley Bahrke to learn more.</p>
<p>e. Golf Social 7/20</p>	<p>Golf Social is scheduled for Thursday, July 20. Location TBD.</p>	<p>Looking for volunteers for planning and day-of. Please reach out to the Board if interested.</p>
<p>VIII. Old Business</p>		
<p>a. City Signs</p>	<p>Board finalizing directionals. Sign designs were shared.</p>	
<p>b. Bike Racks</p>	<p>HOLD until Spring 2023.</p>	
<p>c. Chamber Director</p>	<p>Looking to hire a part-time, paid Chamber Director.</p>	<p>Please see the job posting on our website. https://ocontofallschamber.com/employment-and-volunteer-opportunities/</p>
<p>d. Other Old Business</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>IX. New Business</p>		
<p>a. Oconto County</p>	<p>A presentation of Oconto County economics was done by John Koskinen, Chief Economist from WI Dept of Revenue- It was an engaging,</p>	<p>The presentation will be shared in the near future.</p>



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<p>Economic Outlook</p>	<p>enlightening, encouraging presentation on positives and things to watch for in the county.</p>	
<p>b. Other New Business</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>X. Membership Updates</p>	<p>Membership shared updates. Of note:</p> <p>OFSD - Bus Driver Appreciation Week - please sign a thank you card!</p> <p>OF Ambulance - Will offer monthly CPR classes.</p> <p>NWTC - Computer lab is open to public (free internet!)</p> <p>FFA - Corn Hole tournament fundraiser scheduled for 2/25 at Blue Spruce. All info is available at ocontofallsag.org</p> <p>Lioness Club -Meat Raffle fundraiser scheduled for 4/2 at 1p at S&S. Preparing for Dash O.F. Color in May.</p> <p>Abrams Theatre - Share the event magnet! Still campaigning for capital projects.</p> <p>Packerland Websites - Non-profits receive discounts on websites - talk with Bill today!</p> <p>New View - hiring for FT direct support professional. Posting is on our website.</p> <p>United Way - Grant cycle is opening soon. Watch for more info.</p> <p>The Cottages - Looking for ideas and/or supplies for residents.</p> <p>Flagstar - Home buyer assistance program now open; offering financial education to employers to offer to employees.</p> <p>N.E.W. Credit Union - Chair of Hearts campaign going on now to benefit Children’s Network. Annual meeting is scheduled for 2/28.</p> <p>HSHS: Dr. Benjamin Andrew is doing general surgery at St. Clare and is taking patients!</p>	



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	A smelt fry fundraiser is planned for 3/15 at 5:30 at Steel Moose for Oconto Falls Youth Baseball and Softball program.	Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.
<p>Next Membership Meeting: March 16, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.at TBD</p> <p>Next Board of Directors Meeting: February 28 at 7:30 a.m. at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital</p>		