

1. Meeting was called to order on Thursday, January 18 at 12:02 by President Danielle Kline.
2. **Thank you to Grace Lutheran for hosting** - Ginny read the Chamber Mission and Objectives
3. **Introductions and membership updates:** Cathy Hansen, The Cottages: **Feb 3rd 1p-6p** at the Blue Spruce - Benefit for a 33 y/o staff member with 5 kids fighting Stage 3 inflammatory breast cancer, donations welcome; Pam Langley, Grace Lutheran Church - **2nd Tuesday of the Month** hosting free lunch open to the public (February Lasagna); Virgie Damp, Oconto Falls FFA Alumni: Cornhole Tournament Saturday, **February 24th starting at noon**; Jodie Tetting - NWTC Oconto Falls: Long-arm quilting machine available for rentals/membership after training; Kevin Malnor, Tri-County United Way: Oconto County Transportation Coalition, improving transportation services through the county, looking for other coalitions involved with transportation that may cover Oconto County or aware of any services that are available in the county; Chique Tousey-Tabor, Machickanee X-C Ski Club trails **now open**, will be going to schools for ski school 4th and 5th graders, night ski Saturday, **January 20th 5:30-8p**; Angie Ahlgrim, Oconto Falls Area Ambulance/Community Garden apply for garden spaces,

4. Reports

- a. 2024 board officer election results - Debbie Treasurer, Angie Secretary, Ginny Vice President, Danielle President
- b. Secretary - no changes/additions/corrections
- c. Treasurer - report passed out, prepaid a few bands for the concerts, memberships coming in, some Chamber Bucks
- d. Communications (website, newsletter, welcome signs, calendar, social media): Board members will receive website training to be able to update in a more timely manner. To have items included on the **Calendar, Newsletter or Social Media** - submit information to the Chamber e-mail (ocontofallschamber@gmail.com) including any flyers from today. **Electronic sign** has been updated and will be taken care of by Scott. Any information you'd like on it should be sent to him at ocontofallsscott@gmail.com
- e. Membership
 - i. Chamber Bucks - Sold some before Christmas, reach out with any questions
 - ii. Renewals - some are coming in, if you have questions, reach out. Please fill out forms completely each year, even if you are renewing from the previous year.

Thursday, January 18th • 12:00 p.m. • Grace Lutheran Church, 501 S. Main Street, Oconto Falls

Board meetings: 2nd Wednesday 7:30 a.m., monthly **Membership meetings:** 3rd Thursday January – November (noon or 7:30 a.m.)

- iii. Ribbon Cuttings: Small Town Fitness will be **Thursday, January 18th 5:30 p.m.** snacks, tours and prize drawings.
- f. City Administrator: Peter provided a report: Lifeguard positions posted on website and social media, seeing if we get any applications and also for a lifeguard supervisor, applications available online and in person at City Hall. Recreation Grant available from Oconto County: \$50,000 available and looking into new bathrooms at the beach and playground updates. The fire station is 2-3 months ahead of schedule, completely enclosed working on heating/cooling/electrical, next week is plaster. Will have the parking lot open for Memorial Day Weekend festivities and plan to do a grand opening in June. Encompass Child Care is making great progress, expecting to be open by June as well. School - also moving ahead of schedule, will have more brick/block up soon. Road projects - maintenance, grant writing for projects in 2025, including sidewalk from 22 to Farm Rd on Columbia.

5. Events

- a. Concerts are all booked: Thanks for the suggestions, keep looking and sharing on facebook. Applications are available for groups/organizations to facilitate the 50/25/25 at the concerts. 50% goes to the winner, 25% each to the charity and the chamber.
 - i. Friday, June 28th: Adam Trask - Classic Rock
 - ii. Friday, July 26th: Breakfast Club - 80's Pop
 - iii. Friday, August 16th: The Drive West Band - Rock, R&B and Country
- b. Leadership Oconto County: Seek First to Understand Topic In January, will be visiting Oconto Falls and Lena Schools in February.
- c. Community events: **Library Winter Book Sale January 27th-February 3rd; St. Anthony Fishing Derby February 10th 7a** at Eastside beach. Raffle tickets, lunch, drinks. **Blood Drive at St. Anthony 1st Monday in February** in Memory of Bethany Reith, two years ago collected 100 units, trying to get up there again.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Meeting hosts and tours: sign up going around
- b. Any other unfinished business: Thank you for the **tubing hill** signs, just need to get people reading it - **will be opening this weekend (1/20/24)**. The hill was groomed by the Snow Jokers. Take Mead like you're going to the golf course, go straight through the woods. There are 60 tubes available to be shared. Hot dogs, hot chocolate free of

charge have to use their manners. 80 percent of people who use the hill are not from around here. Everything is free of charge.

7. New Business

- a. Membership interest survey will be going out via email - keep an eye out for it!
Suggestions: Joint party with the Oconto Chamber, also have the golf outing, other county-wide chamber socials
- b. Chamber cell phone is now disconnected as it was rarely used so those funds are going toward other areas.

Next Meeting:

7:30 a.m. Thursday, February 15th hosted by the Oconto Falls FFA Alumni, held at the Oconto Falls Senior Center, 512 Caldwell Ave., Oconto Falls