



Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday October 19, 2023

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Oconto Falls School District Office, 200 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up Action
I. Welcome	Vice President Bill Koehne called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.	
II. Member Spotlight: Oconto Falls School District	A presentation was given by Superintendent Dean Hess on the progress of the Middle School construction project. Things are moving ahead of schedule!	
III. Introductions and Membership Updates	<p>21 members were present and provided updates including:</p> <p>The Cottages will be holding Trick-or-Treating open to the public from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Halloween.</p> <p>Serena from 7z Graphics introduced herself and her new business which creates outdoor signs.</p> <p>The Lioness Avenue of Lights will look a little different this year due to fewer trees available to decorate. There will be no tree sponsorships this year, and a letter will go out to all previous sponsors to explain this year's plans.</p> <p>The Library will be hosting their first Craft Supply exchange on 10/21/23, and will be having bilingual Halloween Story Time at 10:30 a.m. on Halloween. Congratulations to Allison for winning the CHildren's Hometown Her Award!</p> <p>Joan from Writer to the Rescue is searching for a photographer to help with the Diocese feature on their magazine.</p> <p>Bill from Packerland Websites has expanded to the Marinette area and now hosts 600 websites. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr is coming up and Ken Harter was the winner of the tickets donated by the Abrams Theater.</p> <p>The Ambulance Booyah/Chili Fundraiser will be on December 2nd from 10:30-2:30 dine in or carry out with large item raffles and bucket raffle.</p> <p>The National FFA Convention and Fruit Sale/Local Food fundraiser is coming up and makes excellent gifts!</p>	<p>If your business/organization would like to sponsor a meal for 2024, please contact the Chamber. With your sponsorship, you will be given time on the agenda to share about your business/organization.</p>

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	<p>St. Anthony's will be joining the Chamber and will be having their Trunk or Treat event from 4p-6p on Halloween, and the wreath sale going until 11/9.</p> <p>Chiropractic Advantage is holding a coloring contest in November, and is looking for businesses to hold Ugly Sweater Lunch and Screening where they will come in and provide lunch and spinal screening for employees.</p> <p>Cellcom/Nsight is working to get fiber into rural areas</p> <p>NEW Credit Union is celebrating International Credit Union day with food trucks 10/20 from 11a-2p.</p> <p>NWTC is hosting a nursing class with the high school</p> <p>United Way is looking for six more members for the board and in need of a representative from Oconto County. They are working with the Healthy Oconto County initiative to improve access to transportation.</p> <p>The Machickanee Trails are recently mowed and beautiful! Candlelight skis are scheduled for 1-20 and 2-17 with a Meet & Greet on 2-4 to celebrate their 40th year. Regular meetings are at 7p at the Abrams Town Hall and scheduled for 12-11, 1-8, 2-12.</p> <p>Ann Senn provided flyers about the Salute to Service Party on Nov. 12 at Stadium View with proceeds to benefit Honor & Valor Outdoors and Dogs2DogTags. There is also a beautiful business for sale in Abrams.</p> <p>Max Mayer is working with grant funding to create a Rural Hub Innovation Center on Main Street.</p> <p>Flagstar Bank is undergoing renovation and invites you to take a look!</p>	
V. Reports		
a. Secretary	Minutes were sent electronically and approved as submitted	
b. Treasurer	Treasurer's report was provided and approved as read	
c. Chamber Communications	Let the Chamber know via email when you have uploaded things to your facebook page and we will share your events.	
d. City Administrator	The City is currently working on the 5-year plan for roads and looking to county, state and federal funding.	

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	The Fire Station is 4 weeks ahead of schedule with an August 2024 target for completion. Internal proposals are being submitted for the old fire station.	
VI. Committee Reports/Events		
a. Oconto Falls Area Trail System	The West Side Trail project in conjunction with the dam is on hold until spring.	
b. 2024 Concert Series Planning	The initial dates proposed were not all available, so the stage has been booked for the available dates.	June 28, July 26, August 16
c. Leadership Oconto County	The class is going well. The group met in the Northwoods in October and have decided on their project. November's topic will be advocacy and rural health and will be held at HSHS St Clare, Oconto Falls Ambulance and the Cottages	
VII. Unfinished Business		
a. Trick or Treat Trail	Thanks for the huge community support for this event. There are approximately 20 stations from area businesses and organizations.	The event will be Saturday, October 28 from 10a-noon with a rain date of 10/29
VIII. New Business		
a. Storage Unit	The Chamber has rented a storage unit to house the trailer, Concert Sign and items housed at HSHS. In the past, the trailer had been kept at people's homes and moved from year to year.	
b. Chamber Director	The Chamber Director position is currently vacant, and we will continue to look for a solution for social media and grants as we plan for the budget in 2024.	
c. Tubing Hill Signs	Two signs were ordered to replace the aging "Rules" signs at the tubing hills. They will match the city directional signs and were sponsored by the Chamber. They should be installed in two weeks.	



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d. Election	The nomination committee is working on preparing personnel and materials for the annual board election to take place at the December meeting.	
Next Membership Meeting: TUESDAY, November 14, 2023 at the Oconto Falls City Hall at noon Board of Directors Meeting: 2nd Tuesday monthly at 7:30 a.m.		