

Wheatfield Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Attendance: Diana Wright, Robin Gear, Diana Borg, Angela Reel, Frankie Lane, Julie Linderman, Evie Parrish

Minutes for November 13, 2021 meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance: \$1939.62

Payments to:

Oriental Trading for Santa goodie bags in the amount of \$153.62.

Walmart for Santa goodie bags in the amount of \$92.22.

Angela Reel for refreshments for Christmas Tree Lighting in the amount of \$62.36.

Angela Reel for updating INBiz info in the amount of \$4.00.

Balance in checking as of 12/3/21 is \$1,627.52.

Balance in savings as of 12/3/21 is \$5,021.67.

Old Business:

Frankie reported that she has been delivering membership packets to local businesses. Angela informed that she is contacting registered agents with the state.

Discussion on Christmas Tree Lighting was positive, and attendance was good. Evie received \$40 in donations. There are extra goodie bags – Evie will place a Wheatfield Chamber paper on them and Julie will hand out at DeMotte's event on 12/4/21. We will determine a date to take down the decorations at the January meeting. The cars that participated this year would like to see us plan a parade next year. We also need more food next year, and it is suggested that Chamber members serve the soups/chilis. We should have a donation can next year as well. Robin suggested upgrading the Santa house, as well as storing it elsewhere throughout the year or making it a multi-purpose structure for other events. A town member mentioned that it would be nice to find a way for families to create ornaments to place on the tree – we think the tree may be difficult, but we can

consider how we can adjust the idea to better involve the community. It was also suggested that we offer some low sugar drinks/desserts.

We have two businesses seeking to join the Chamber:

Lonely Pine Guest House (D. Borg) for Tier 1 membership (\$50).

Reel RPM Performance, LLC (A. Reel) for Tier 1 membership (\$50).

New members were approved.

New Business:

Numerous ideas were presented for 2022, including an open house for local businesses, business seminars, a business expo, ice skating at the park, a carnival, a blessing box at town hall, and monthly events at the park in the summer. The group decided to start inquiring about ice skating, and Robin said he would lead that.

Frankie asked if anyone had heard how things were going for HopQuest Brewery. Nobody has heard new info recently. Evie offered to reach out to see if there was anything we as the Chamber could do to help.

Frankie said she is still working on putting together packets for new homeowners. She would like to see if Chamber members and local businesses/organizations would be willing to donate items for the packets.

With all items discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Next meeting will be held January 7 at 6:00 p.m.