



Monthly Chamber Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 8th, 2025

Attendees:

Stephani Hutson
Dan Johnstone
Naomi Weed
Charlie Fine

Jack Northrup
Kathleen Vienna
Matt Schaertl
George Aldrich

Mike Dotterwich
Martha Doody
Kristy Aldrich
Liz VanNorman

Notes:

- Minutes from the last meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's Report - Stephani
- Tent Rentals
 - Everything has been going good. There are more sign ups for later in the summer.
 - The tents are \$150, and half of that goes to the people who help set up the tent.
 - Possibly adding a none refundable deposit of 50%.
 - Putting a calendar on the website, so people can see when the tents are available and rent a tent. Having the rental go to Stephani, Matt, and Martha's emails.

- The hardest part right now is getting the labor available to help set up the tents.
- Possibly waiving the tent fee for vendors fee
- Membership
 - We have a list from the DBP, but it only has 40 names on it.
 - Dan is going to make a map of businesses, and will then add those names into a spreadsheet.
 - Make sure we don't overlap too much with other Chambers (Like Clifton Springs).
 - Check IDA for a list of businesses.
- Business of the Month
 - Business of the Month for July is Green Renewable.
 - Next month (August) will be Legion.
- Chamber Insurance Update
 - Jim Gray is working on finding an insurance company for the Chamber.
 - Possibly looking for companies in Palmyra, or maybe working with the Rotary.

Events:

- Farmers Markets July 12th, August 9th, September 13th.
9AM-1PM.
 - The Chamber made \$140 from the Farmers Market in June (Chamber had to produce).
 - People are bringing vegetables and fruits to the next one.
 - Getting lawn signs for the Markets. The price is around \$14 a piece, and we would need around 12-20 signs.
 - Talk some places in Victor or CSA Solutions to get a quote.
 - Possibly getting Boba tea.
- Street Dance, TBD
- Tractor Parade and Winter Festival, November 22nd
 - Contacted the church St. Dominic. The parish wants to host the parade and tree lighting, but they may need insurance....
 - 48 tractors last year. Need a place to park the tractors. Park them on main Street?

- Martha met with Former officer of loins club.... wanna know what works out.
- Ratory meeting this morning. Christmas party at Jack's with Chambers, rotary, loins, the day before or after the parade. (Weekend before Thanksgiving). Friday or Sunday.... doing it Sunday. Motion made. Time TBD. Food TBD. \$30 ish bucks
- A big winter festival this year. John Walton will be more involved.
- Pumpkin Walk Oct 11th. 5PM start time.
 - Light the bonfire at 6:30. Pumpkins light at 6pm.
 - The Village of Manchester was very positive to moving the Pumpkin Walk in Manchester. Their main concern is losing kids and people falling in the water.
 - Possibly getting 4 wheelers (But it would get very crowded) and having guided tours.
 - Figure out the safety issues with the fire department.
 - Possibly having a smaller fire.
 - Talked about having a truck that can come down the trail.
 - We have to use real candles. The fake ones aren't strong enough.
 - Reach out to groups about doing face painting.
 - Possibly having a community center pie bake off contest/raffle. With an \$100 cash prize.
 - The Cross Country run and the RJ football game are on the same day as the pumpkin walk.
 - The Ontario Pathways Pumpkin Walk is the week after the ours.
 - The main trail needs to be cleaned up before the Walk.
- Next Chamber meeting will be August 12th Tuesday at 1pm at Jacks Kitchen