

GOUVERNEUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Agenda

Regular Meeting: July 6, 2026

Minutes of June 1, 2026 Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Correspondence: We received Elks Club July Newsletter, a 'Thank You' from Gouverneur High for Moving Up Day Award, a copy of our Ad in the Visitor's Guide, a book on Trademarks, an Oriental Trading \$20 Gift Card and several miscellaneous emails.

Committee Reports: DBA May shows new businesses: Mac's Electrical and Black Line Sealcoating from Hermon, Home Kitchen Bee, 3MZ Cleaning & Property, Premier Plumbing & Heating and JoJo's Lemonade of Gouverneur, Punisher Plumbing of Hammond and Foodie Farm Co of Rossie

Old Business: Flag Day Report:

New Business: Farmers Market Report
Garage Sales July 16, 17 & 18 – no permit needed, do we advertise?
Winter Blast for 2027: Planning
Awards Given: Karsen Goodale rec'd Moving Up Day Award & Sarah Scott received the BOCES Award
Business of the Month of July is NOLA on Main

Next meeting: August 3rd

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The June 2026 meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 8:00 AM by President Brooke Plowman. Attendees were Executive Director Donna Besaw, Vice President Donna Lawrence, Directors CJ Fitzgerald, Melissa Simione, Dianne Cocco, Ray Babowicz, Connie Stowell, Emily Bush, Mickael White, Christian Gillan, Kayla Ciambra, Mayor Ron McDougall, Rachel Hunter from Gouverneur Tribune Press and Morgan Leeson manager of Gouverneur Farmer's Market.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved by a motion from Connie and seconded by CJ.

Executive Director Donna Besaw gave the treasurer's report with \$4,662 collected (mostly banquet dinners) and expenses totaled \$10,673 (directories & banquet dinners mostly) leaving a balance of \$22,072 in the checking account. Donna Lawrence made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Brooke seconded, the motion carried.

***Correspondence:** Donna Besaw reported that the Chamber sent thank you notes to Curran Wade & Joel Rheault for their presentations at the banquet. We received a NNY Business Newspaper, an invitation to Golf Tournament at Emerald Greens for Volunteer Transportation Center, an Oriental Trading magazine and the usual miscellaneous emails.*

***Committee Reports:** The DBA list for April shows new businesses Matejick's Maple of Russell, Cecil Construction of Gouverneur, Chargirl Sherry of Richville, CBT Services of Hammond and Club Grub ADK of Star Lake. They will be sent welcome letters inviting them to join the chamber. We do have one new member: The Sacred Tree of Gouverneur and Emily has already delivered their mug of flowers!*

Old Business: Banquet Report:** We felt the banquet went well. Even though we paid for reservations that did not show up that evening, we collected a little more for the dinners than we had to pay out. There was one incident where Roxann Finley fell ill, but she ended up okay and went home early. **Festival of

Anniversaries on May 16th was well attended. There was lots of history of Gouverneur, many businesses gave out free samples and Joe Laurenza was especially happy due to all the traffic the museum received. Some locals have asked if this would be an annual event and we feel it should not be. Maybe in 10 or 15 years it can be repeated. The Town of Gouverneur has received their \$500 grant and is giving it to the chamber to cover the cost of the banners we purchased. Donna will send them a 'thank you' note once the money is received.

Flag Day Planning: *Invitation letters have gone out, flags and prizes are received, permit for the park is issued and the porta pot is ordered. We need 'all hands-on deck' as this is a very busy event and lots of jobs to be tended to. Connie made a motion to purchase a stretchy table cover with our logo on it - to be used at events where we set up. The cost is probably less than \$75 with tax and shipping. Donna B seconded and everyone was in favor. Brooke reported that Matoon Creek has offered to sing and do bluegrass music that day probably from 11:00 - 12:00 and again from 1:00 - 2:00 at a cost of \$100. While no official motion was made, everyone agreed it was a good idea. **Farmer's Market** was discussed as one vendor thought the \$70 crafter's fee was a little high. Melissa agreed to bring it up to the board, but we all feel that it is a fair cost. There are 22 weeks of markets and \$70 is a small price to pay.*

Winter Blast 2027 was discussed, and Brooke brought back some dates. It was agreed that February 19th, 20th and 21st would be the best dates for the event. Brooke will set up a date and time for all interested directors to attend a meeting on the winter blast and she'll email everyone. CJ made a motion that **Mike Cloonan be voted as an honorary member**, Connie seconded the motion and all were in favor. We will do a certificate and put it in a frame and present it to him at the Flag Day ceremonies. **Students of the Month** of May were Ryanna Todd of Metalworking Technologies and Carson LeRoux of Professions in Education and Student of the Month of June is Makeena Peabody of Health & Emergency Rescue Occupations. **Business of the Month** of June is Brown's Jewelry Store. This meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted:



Donna Besaw, Executive Director