

GOUVERNEUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Regular Meeting: Sept 9, 2024

Minutes of August 5, 2024 Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Correspondence: We received a September Elks Club Newsletter, rec'd email from SCOPE, replied and forwarded the email to the Fair Assoc, rec'd ad for Christmas decorations, Oriental Trading Magazine and received several miscellaneous emails

Committee Reports: No DBA list is received yet for the month of July

Old Business: Welcome to Gouverneur Sign: Sign is now Done and Installed
Park Bench Sign: Quote from Brown's Jewelry (Museum Doing Interpretive Signs)

New Business:

Christmas Parade – Reindeer replacements? Any Other Changes?
Prison Invitation to Annual Tour September 25th: 5 Directors Attending
Town of Theresa is Forming Small Business Coalition
Pumpkin Fest Update: Carnival? Volunteers to Sit With Chamber Table
Shari's Last Raise: Tim Would Like to Discuss
Village Mobile Stage: Would Chamber Be Interested In Contributing?
Portable Sound System: Update on Prices etc
Trunk or Treat: Are We Doing Trunk? Volunteers? Vote to Purchase Candy?
Business After Hours: Sept 24th 5:00- 7:00 at Gouv. Community Center, we partner with
the St Lawrence County Chamber
Business of the Month September: Specialty Floors (Updates to BOM)
Student of Month starts up again soon

Next meeting: October 7th

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The August 2024 meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:00 by President Brooke Plowman. Attendees were Executive Director Donna Besaw, Directors CJ Fitzgerald, Melissa Simione, Connie Stowell, Ray Babowicz, Dianne Cocco, Tim Reddick, Michelle Blackburn, Christian Gillan, Donna Lawrence and members Mayor Ron McDougall, Rachel Hunter of the Tribune Press and Heather Tanner of Mercy Point Church.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved by a motion from Ray and seconded by Donna Lawrence.

Executive Director Donna Besaw gave the treasurer's report with no income in July and expenses totaled \$1,045 leaving a balance of \$27,662 in the checking account with \$26,487 as Chamber share and \$1,175 in Deceased Directors memorial fund. Connie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Christian seconded, motion carried.

Correspondence: Donna reported that the Chamber received an August Elks Club newsletter, a postcard advertising Ogdensburg Command Performances, received several miscellaneous emails and Oriental Trading magazines.

Committee Reports: The **DBA list** for May and June were received. Welcome letters sent to Plant Nook, Rustic Rise Sourdough & Supplies, Jesmer's Drywall Finishing, Scott Laws Construction & More, Pawfection Pet Salon, JH&R Construction Property Management, Sew Uniquely Happy and Frog Hollow Bait Shop of Gouverneur, St Lawrence Custom Baits in Edwards, Amy Breglia Design in Fowler, Grasse River Lawn & Landscape in Hermon and Frog Holler Cabins in Hammond.

Old Business: Welcome to Gouverneur Sign Con Tech is finishing up the sign today and the cost of the sign will be paid from the Deceased Director's Memorial Fund. This includes Con Tech's fee and Arne's cost for printing our sign. **Park Bench Memorial Sign** was again discussed. Since the park benches are installed in the park, we will get a quote from Brown's Jewelry for a bronze plaque to be attached to one of the benches in memory of passed directors. Connie will contact Browns and report next month on the size and cost of the plaque for final approval.

New Business: Farmer's Market has moved back to the village park. They questioned why the library bathroom was not available so Donna Besaw will check into it. **Christmas Parade:** Donna B reported that Leanne Bos has offered to bring her one mini horse, mini donkey and 4 dwarf goats for a cost of \$2,000. Donna will check on mini horses on Route 310 in Canton to see if they are interested as they have several horses. Tim reported a mechanical reindeer could be scheduled for \$1,880 for 3 hours and \$150 for each extra hour. The discussion was tabled at this time and we'll discuss again next month. **Gouverneur Fair** is in the red this year according to Ron McDougall although they thought it to be a successful fair. Brooke awarded the Chamber's trophy to Dale Allen of Brushton Moira for harness racing. That race did not have many in attendance. **Pumpkin Fest** will be held two days this year, September 21st & 22nd but they are still unsure if a carnival will be attending. **Scholarships to GHS and BOCES** should be increased the directors thought. Tim made a motion to increase the awards from \$100 to \$250 next year, Michelle seconded, and the motion passed. **Portable Sound System** was discussed as we are unsure of the village's gazebo sound system, and we usually have trouble at our banquet with the Elks sound system. Brooke is checking with Jason from the American Legion to see what they have planned for the gazebo and will report next month. Tim suggested and then made the motion that we purchase our own portable system for up to \$1,000, Donna Lawrence seconded and the motion carried. Tim will look into Big Apple and Christian will also check as he may be able to get one through Rent-A-Center. Heather had some advice as she and her husband are musicians and are familiar with the portable systems. Tim asked that we check into when **Shari's last raise** was and to report back next month with that info. **Business of the Month of August** is the Mercy Point Church, and the **Student of the Month** starts up again in September. The date of the next meeting was discussed and will be held on September 9th as September 2nd is Labor Day. This meeting was adjourned at 12:46 by Connie and seconded by Christian.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Besaw, Executive Director