

GOUVERNEUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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[Agenda](#)

Regular Meeting: Jan 6, 2025

Minutes of Dec 2, 2024 Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Correspondence: We received January Elks Club Newsletter, gave 'thank you' note and \$25 Dunkin Gift Card to Graphic Arts, received Christmas Card from Rachel Hunter and received several miscellaneous emails

Committee Reports: DBA's for November will be sent memberships this month when we send for our annual membership drive. New local businesses are Marbel Acres and Countryman Construction in Gouverneur, Brick Partners in Russell and KBS Marine Services in Hammond

Old Business: Park Bench Sign: Update

New Business:

Christmas Parade: Update and Discussion

Set Dates for 2025 Chamber Events

Discuss Monthly Chamber Meeting Time

Student of Month for December is Aiden Hollinger of Digital Media Design II

Business of Month of the month of January is the Gouverneur Foundation

Next meeting: February 3rd

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Minutes of December 2, 2024 Meeting

The December 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 Simone, Tim Reddick, Ray Babowicz, Connie Stowell, Christian Gillan and members Rachel Hunter of the Tribune Press, and Mayor Ron McDougall.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved by a motion from Ray and seconded by Christian.

Executive Director Donna Besaw gave the treasurer's report with no income for the month of November. Expenses totaled \$1,593 leaving a balance of \$22,558 in the checking account. Connie made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Melissa seconded.

***Correspondence:** Donna reported that the Chamber received a December Elks Club newsletter, several emails from the County Chamber of Commerce, another Americorp email offering youth workers, offer of FEMA webinars, Oriental Trading magazine and other miscellaneous advertisements.*

***Committee Reports:** The DBA list for October shows new businesses: Ultimate Experience Boutique and Better Information Technology Services in Gouverneur and Kerr Well Auto Sales & Service in Star Lake. These businesses will be sent welcome membership letters in January but it's too late in 2024 to pay \$62.50 then pay again in January. When membership letters are sent in January, it was decided to send the list out to the directors to choose which ones they would like to hand deliver this year. We will also include our directory in all memberships whether hand delivered or mailed.*

***Old Business: Park Bench Sign:** The sign has been ordered. We are in hopes that it arrives and can be installed before the parade on Friday. **Mills Park Sign:** Arne quoted us \$600 or less but we won't need it until spring. The town has agreed to install it once we get it. **Coffee Cup Order** was received, and Donna brought the new cups to the meeting. They look very good and were less expensive than the last time we ordered.*

New Business: Shari's Email** was read and discussed. We wonder if Shari is being fairly compensated for her job and Brooke has agreed to contact her about that. **Small

Business Saturday was advertised in the paper 2 weeks and posters were hung in businesses around town. CJ made a motion that we purchase a \$25 Dunkin Donuts gift card as a 'thank you' to the Graphic Design teacher to use for the students, Melissa seconded, and motion carried. Donna will give the gift certificate to them when she picks up cookies on Friday. **Christmas Lights for New Gazebo** was discussed. CJ said Chris Fitzgerald priced lights and they were \$600+ for the gazebo so she purchased some for \$172.70 instead. Connie made the motion that CJ be reimbursed for the Christmas lights, Donna seconded, and motion carried. Chris also relayed that the gazebo floor is very slippery so CJ will see about bringing a rug or runners so the children don't slip when visiting Santa. **Christmas Parade** is pretty much all set. Brooke brought the posters that BOCES made, and they will be delivered today to local businesses to display. Cookies have been ordered from local bakers and BOCES, mechanical Reindeer is coming for the children to ride, village permit received, and release signed at the church so believe we are all ready. CJ mentioned that the **Gouverneur Key Club** is looking for projects called the '12 Days of Christmas' and one option they considered was to wrap Christmas gifts at local businesses and wondered if the Chamber could help set that up with some businesses. The discussion was that some directors will contact a few local businesses for them. Since they will be in need of wrapping paper, bows and tape, Connie made a motion that we donate \$50 toward their purchasing some of the needed items. Melissa seconded and all were in favor. **Committee Assignments for 2025** were discussed and a few changes were made so a new list will be compiled and brought to the January meeting. **Dues for 2025** were discussed and we will leave them the same as 2024. **Business of the Month of November** is Bob's Market & Diner in Fowler and **Student of the Month of November** is Matthew Daniels of Criminal Justice II. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 6th. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47.

Respectfully submitted:

*Donna Besaw
Executive Director*