

GOUVERNEUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Agenda

Regular Meeting: May 6, 2024

Minutes of April 1st 2024 Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Correspondence: We received a May Elks Club Newsletter, rec'd 'Thank You' from Cemetery Association for Jim's memorial donation, rec'd newspaper from NNY Business, rec'd Visitor's Guide newspaper, Ad for 'Hole in One' Insurance, rec'd literature from Ogdensburg on Smoke Free Signs and rec'd an ad on banners for towns & villages

Committee Reports: Membership letters sent to February & March new businesses: Teal's Tree Service and Willard's Family Maple in Hermon, Perry's Trucking & Excavating in Dekalb Jct, Casey Thompson Tree & Landscape in Russell, Fred's Trucking & Garbage in Richville, Fuller's Woodworking in Harrisville, Dirty Dawg Media, Oxxshire Creamery and Minh Beauty Spa in Rensselaer Falls, Picker's Dream, Elite Construction and Bit Boutique in Gouverneur, Soul 2 Seven Healing Reiki Studio and Cut Above Rest in Edwards, Hartman's Tree Farm and HTE Builders in Hammond. Take Flowers to Cargill – new member!

Old Business: Any Report on Sign

Letter was sent to TJX

Any Update on Park Bench

New Business:

Vote on New Officers, President Tim Reddick's Resignation

Banquet Report

Flag Day Planning: New route approved? Crafters?

Christmas Parade – New Reindeer Farm Quote

Business of the Month May: Route 11 Diner

Students of Month of March: Madison Kackison of Nurse Assisting, April: Joshua Bailey of Electrical Technologies and Travis Bush of Heavy Equipment Operations and May: Emily Infield of Criminal Justice and Olivia Klimowicz of Cosmetology

Next meeting: June 3rd

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The April 2024 meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:00 by President Tim Reddick. Attendees (in person and on Zoom) were Executive Director Donna Besaw, Directors Connie Stowell, Ray Babowicz, CJ Fitzgerald, Melissa Simone, Dianne Cocco, Brooke Plowman, Shari Barnhart, Michelle Blackburn, Donna Lawrence, Christian Gillan and member Rachel Hunter from the Tribune Press

The minutes of the March meeting were approved by a motion from Brooke and seconded by Ray.

Executive Director Donna Besaw gave the treasurer's report with dues and advertising received of \$9,043 and expenses totaled \$926 leaving a balance of \$35,589 in the checking account with \$34,414 as Chamber share and \$1,175 in Eldon Conklin memorial fund. CJ made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Christian seconded, motion carried.

Correspondence: Donna Besaw reported that the Chamber received an April Elks Club newsletter, a sample directory as an advertisement, several emails and two magazines.

Committee Reports: The DBA list for February has not yet been received. Flowers need to be delivered to Fred Scozzafava of Gouverneur Auto, Peaceful Finances with Mickael and Gouverneur Foundation (Lauren French - President).

Old Business: Plans for Welcome to Gouverneur Sign Tim will check with BOCES. Donna showed the directors the sample ad that will be in the Local Food Guide by Gardenshare.

New Business: Resignation Received from Chelsea Donovan. Connie made the motion to accept Chelsea's resignation, CJ seconded, and motion carried. Ray will check with Gouverneur Hospital to see if they have a representative that would like to join the board. The Letter Inviting New Business to Gouverneur was read and approved by the board. Donna will type the letter on Chamber letterhead and a

directory will also be enclosed when sent. **Bench or Tree in Memory of Past Chamber Directors** was again discussed. The benches in the park will all be the same as the village wants benches with no maintenance. We may be able to install a plaque on one of the benches and we will go to Brown's Jewelers to inquire about a new plaque. This will be discussed again next month. **Solar Eclipse** on April 8th will be observed in Gouverneur with the schools closing that day, but the Chamber nor village has any special events planned. **Banquet Planning: Award of Merit** this year will be awarded to Clark Porter. Pro Act will be our speaker that evening, directors will again bring door prizes and the tickets will be ordered or Donna will print them soon, once we know what the dinner and cost will be. It was decided that we will move the evening ahead by ½ hour so cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. Donna will send Shari a list of the Gold & Silver members (Kinney Drugs remains Marble Member) so our website can be updated. Donna Lawrence will order the plaque, CJ is in charge of flowers and Connie will pick up banners and deliver them to Arne for updating. It was decided that we increase the price of the dinners by \$5.00 to cover our costs. Donna Lawrence made that motion, Donna Besaw seconded, and motion carried. **Gardenshare Meeting** on March 26th for the vendors was held at the Gouverneur library but none of the chamber directors were available to attend. **Farmer's Market** can be held at the other end of the park, or they can move temporarily to the train depot on Main Street (Farley's lot) until the park is available. The only concern was if the insurance would cover them there. Donna checked and a small rider can be attached to our policy which would cover 'special events'. **Flag Day** will again invite vendors, but the Friends of the Library are not participating as organizers. We discussed renting a tent if the park and gazebo are not available but was decided that we can probably use a 10 X 10 tent if needed for inclement weather, but we'll discuss it again next month. Donna will see if we can get the vendor list from Kaitlin Morse. **Christmas Parade:** Donna was contacted by the reindeer farm that the reindeer are already booked for an event on December 7th. Donna has asked them for suggestions of anyone else that may be available and will also contact the DEC to see if they know of any reindeer. **Business of the Month of April** is United Construction and Forestry and the **Student of the Month of March** is Madison Kackison of Nurse Assisting. The next chamber meeting is May 6th and this meeting was adjourned at 12:49 by Connie.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Besaw

Executive Director