

Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce
Future Minded Historically Proud

Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2022 (approved 2.9.22)

Directors present: Diane Thatcher, Rhea Hogden,
Christine Otzelberger, Sharon Spahr, Jon Rastall, Jean Wallner

Directors on Zoom: Christine Wilson

Directors absent: Michele Butler, Kelly Gardner, Josh Chapman, Tammy Paulus

Chamber members present: Sarah Livermore, Michelle Tolzman

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order by President Rhea Hogden at 7:35 am

Approve 2022 Budget: The Executive Committee met on January 4th to review the proposed budget for this year. Jean Wallner made a motion to accept the 2022 budget with the changes as recommended by the Executive Committee. Was seconded by Sharon Spahr. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Welcome to new Directors and Election of 2022 Officers

Nominations were requested for Chamber President.

Rhea H. was nominated for this position by Diane Thatcher and seconded by Sharon Spahr. With no other names presented, Jean Wallner asked to bring the nominations for President to a close (seconded by Christine Wilson). Rhea H. was unanimously elected to serve as President.

Nominations for the remaining officers were received:

Chris Otzelberger nominated Sharon Spahr to serve as Vice President (seconded by Jean Wallner)

Chris Otzelberger nominated Diane Thatcher to serve as Secretary (seconded by Jean Wallner)

Jean Wallner nominated Christine Otzelberger to serve as Treasurer (seconded by Diane Thatcher)

Nominations were closed. A motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the remaining 3 officers was made by Jean Wallner and seconded by Jon Rastall. The 2022 Executive Board was unanimously elected as follows:

President – Rhea Hogden, Vice President – Sharon Spahr, Secretary – Diane Thatcher, and
Treasurer – Christine Otzelberger. Sarah Livermore remains Immediate Past President.

Secretary's Report:

Sharon Spahr made a motion to accept the December minutes with corrections. Was seconded by Jon Rastall. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

The report for December was distributed via email prior to the meeting by Chris O. Sharon

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Spahr made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Jean Wallner. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

The following bills were presented:

\$39.21 UScellular
\$79.00 Market America Website
\$60.00 Alvin Waldenberger – land rental for Hwy 53 sign
\$600.00 Gary Trim – Chamber Storage (when invoice is received)

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve invoices for payment. The motion was seconded by Jean Wallner. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Organization & Membership: One new membership received for 2022 so far. There are no changes to our membership fee structure for 2022. Membership mailing going out January 25. Second mailing is scheduled for March 25. Will need stamps \$58, and envelopes \$70.

Promotion & Tourism: Next meeting is Monday January 17th, 7:30am at the High School District Office. In addition to chamber logo and website, committee will discuss work needed on the welcome signs that were damaged during the wind storm on December 15, 2021.

Website hits for the month of December were 5,380. Total hits for the year 106,451.

Agri-Business: no report

Economic Revitalization & Development: no report

Historic Preservation, Beautification & Design: Still looking for information for preserving the Van Slyke statue. One of the damaged welcome signs is in the city garage and the other is down and buried in the snow on Hilltop Lane. The third sign near County K is still standing. City is willing to help put up signs. Chris Otzelberger will check on the insurance and possibly putting in a claim.

A motion was made to accept all committee reports by Sharon Spahr. This was seconded by Diane Thatcher. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Old Business: Rhea Hogden shared the Executive Committee's thought process about donating money towards the roof on the Arnold House. The chamber made a similar donation to the History & Genealogy Library at Old Main in 2009. Based on today's discussion and

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recommendations from the Exec. Committee, Jean Wallner made the following motion: the Chamber will donate \$10,000 over the next 4 years. The first installment of \$2,500 is to be taken from the existing Money Market Account. To earn higher interest, the treasurer is directed to then move \$10,000 from our business MM 1141 account at Bluff View Bank to a GoalSetter Savings Account at Co-op Credit Union. Subsequent payments to The Arnold House of \$2,500 will be made each January in the years 2023, 2024, and 2025 from the new GoalSetter account. Motion was seconded by Jon Rastall. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

At 8:25 am Sharon Spahr, vice president was asked to preside at the meeting.

New Business: Jean Wallner provided an update on kiosk. Looking for chamber to help with updating the display and suggested including a map of city or area. The Chamber is considering putting together a special task force committee to help with this project.

Chris Otzelberger advised the board that since the chamber has purchased a new computer for the treasurer, the older computer is now being used for our Zoom conferencing.

Committee sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers for our 5 standing committees. If you would like to sign up please contact a board member.

Correspondence and phone log: USCELLULAR, Garden of Eden Preservation Society newsletter, Galesville Lions Club donation request, Rhode Island Novelty magazine.

Upcoming Events

- Galesville City Council Meeting Thursday, January 13, 7:30pm
- Old Main Barbershop Quartet, Saturday, February 5, 7:30 pm
- Tentative plans for Arnold House drive-thru lunch at Brownstone downtown, February 14th
- Covid Testing site in Galesville is in the works

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Jean Wallner. This was seconded by Chris Otzelberger. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 am. Our next meeting will be held on February 9 at 7:30 am in person at the Library Community Room and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Thatcher, Secretary