



MEETING MINUTES

Thursday January 12.2023

- **Thursday, January 12, 2023**

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were:

Ron Patrick	Rose Patrick	Matt from Park	Sue Small
Kelly Rosales	Donna Heabel	Ray Heabel	John Small

Zoom Attendees

Bill Beahan	Matt Zarebczan	David (oak Lawn)
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- **Call to Order**

Zoom and in person meeting began at 6:07

- **Chamber Minutes last meeting**

There Were no minutes from the prior meeting since the chamber no longer has a secretary. Last month, Treasurer Juanita Durkin jotted down the notes, however, she is unexpectedly absent tonight.

Discussion about a new secretary was brought up. President Ron promised he would have a new secretary by the next meeting. Ron also asked member Sue Small to take the minutes. She agreed.

- **Treasurers Report**

Due to the unexpected absence of our Treasurer, we agreed to pass the treasurers report until the next meeting

- **Secretary's Report**

No report this evening

- **Village Meeting Report**

Was not much to report. Matt Z, representing the village gave updates for upcoming events at the village. This led into the discussion related to the Village-wide spring garage sale. We asked Matt to confirm the dates this year as the weekend of May 19-21. Matt stated he would look into it for us and let us know. That led to the next subject – Our Annual Fundraiser



- **Old Business – Recap and new suggestions for Rib Fest Planning**

Much of the meeting was used to discuss the annual fundraiser.

This year, the date of the fundraiser will be Saturday, May 20th. The location will be Wilkins Jr. High. Ron has confirmed the date with Superintendent, Dr. Nuncio. Key discussion points:

- Better and more Marketing for the event.
Sue agreed to take the lead for the role of Marketing for this event
(More info to follow)
- Potential to have Drive Thru service for those about town for Garage Sales
- Open up more ideas for events – advance tickets, taking payment on line (ask Webmaster) (Ron)
- Working with our member and print shop owner for cohesive branding for event (Sue and owner if Plug)

- **New Business- Thank You letters and Updated members List**

Moved this item to the next meeting.

- **Scholarship Ideas – Officers Election and Secretary Nomination**

President Ron declared that officer elections will take place at the next meeting 2-09-2023. Although Sue will be absent from the meeting, She agreed that if nominated she would run for vice president of the Chamber. She also stated she would not be able to accept any other role. Finally, she agreed to help train the next secretary!

- **Open Forum**

We had great discussions related to growing the Chamber of Commerce. Some of the ideas included:

- Things the chamber can provide the businesses: events, webinars etc.
- Bring back the Business Appreciation Dinner
- Utilize or build our own electronic sign!
- Involve the home occupation community!

These topics will be discussed at future meetings.

- **Motion to Adjourn: Ron Second: Sue All Ayes!**
Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm