

**Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of February 9th, 2022, meeting**

Present: Rebecca Wallen, Tina Lanier, Kristy O'Shaughnessy, Robert Kuklinca, Amy McEathron, Jenn Premo, Taylour Scanlin, Kelly Shanahan,

Excused: Robert Sligar, Nancy Rome, Derek Davis

Unexcused: Lydia Young

The meeting was called to order by T. Lanier at 12:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by R. Kuklinca

Minutes from the last meeting: R. Kuklinca motioned to accept last month's minutes, seconded by T. Scanlin, all approved, motion passed.

President's Report: Winterfest is this upcoming Saturday.

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Executive Director's Report: Attached.

Open Forum: None

Old Business:

- a.) **Winterfest-**Is Saturday, the VFW will be hosting Bingo, JROTC will assist with the sled races, we have volunteers from the board assisting with raffles and the Frypan toss.
- b.) **Farmers Market Planning-** The board will come together to discuss changes to the time and update the rules and regulations.
- c.) **Street Banner-** It is important to get all interested parties together to discuss the plan for the street banners. The Chamber currently has permission to use the villages' poles, but the VFW, ELKS, and Legion would like to honor our veterans with banners as well. A meeting is needed to discuss the plan and timeline for the new banners.

New Business:

- a) **BOD Elections-** Elections ballots will be going out to all members with those board members that are at the end of their 2-year term, we have 5 board members on the ballot this year. Votes will be accepted through April 4th.
- b) **COY Prep:** Nominations are open for Citizen of the Year.
- c) **July Fireworks-** The fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 9th this year.
- d) **Sounds of Summer Concerts-** Bands are being scheduled, I have not heard back from West Carthage, but we have started scheduling for this event.
- e) **Member Survey-** All board members were asked to complete the survey that is going out to all of our members starting next Wednesday.

Committee Reports:

- a. **Farmer's Market Report:** Committee needs to meet.
- b. **Business After hours-** VFW will host their event on Thursday, February 17th at the VFW.
- c. **Fort Drum Report:** New Command Sargent Major is being welcomed on Post. The airfield has a new fire truck. We are looking at the return of the "Adopt a Platoon" program, more information will be released soon.
- d. **Carthage Area Hospital Report:** They have an upcoming blood drive to help combat the current blood shortage. The walk-in is going to be expanding later this spring. A new neurologist will be coming on board. Plans for the annual golf tournament are underway.
- e. **Carthage Central School:** The school is proud and relieved to report that their COVID rates are the lowest they have been. They are planning in-person events, with the school musical in March and they are opening the middle school back up to the walking program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 pm. The school's state of the district address will be available online. The annual budget vote is scheduled for May.
- g. **Carthage Free Library:** No report

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9th | NOON | Zoom

There being no other business to come before the board R. Kuklinca made a motion to adjourn seconded by K. O'Shaughnessy, all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 pm.