

February 2017 - Chamber Meeting
Cellar Door Coffee Company
February 1, 2017

In attendance were Ted Lysiak, Michelle Zivoder, Jerry Kehoe, Caitlin Lawless, Erika Frankel, Roger & Connie Angel, Ben Coll , Chris Cavalier, Michele Elias, Sean Varner, Janet Edwards, Helen Louise Bouts, Ken Beatty, Matt Ryser, Sheri Johnson, Melissa & Billy Peska, Sarah Carley, Barb Bejger, Mark Brady, Aaron King, Helen Leightner and Rick & Linette Patrick.

Erika presented the January financials which were reviewed and approved.

Meeting minutes from the January Board Meeting were presented and approved.

Aaron King spoke about the upcoming St. Patricks Day event. This event has a \$2,00 budget – Super Bowl squares are being sold to help defray the cost.

Aaron King gave an update on Summerfest 2017. The theme will be “Find the Queen in 2017” and instead of a car raffle it will be a Queen of Hearts drawing. On March 24 there is a trip to Meadows Casino and J&D Winery. Cost is \$58 per person.

Sheri Johnson is in search of donations for the 2017 After Prom.

Rick Patrick spoke about the 2017 Car Cruises. Sponsors are needed and the cost is \$150.

Ted Lysiak gave an update of the schools. The sports boosters are holding a Night At The Races on March 24 at Sugar Bush. Cost is \$40 / \$60 couple.

Ted Lysiak gave an update on the first meeting of the newly formed Joint Economic Development Committee.

The proposal for the allocation of the Queen of Hearts Funds was presented to the chamber. The proposal was reviewed and approved.

- 1) Allocation of \$30,000 (\$10,000/year for 3 years) towards an economic development person / company
- 2) Reinvestment in the shop local promotion of Garrettsville
- 3) \$10,000 into rainy day fund
- 4) \$5,008 into general purpose fund
- 5) \$25,000 for new digital sign and kiosk
- 6) \$5,000 Local Signage to direct visitors to the business district, shopping areas etc.
- 7) \$3,000 (\$250/month for 1 year) to the NGCC for the Snack Pack program

Discussion that funds allocated to any project would be divided as such: 1/3 into general fund | 2/3 into JED

Whitney Podboy spoke about the Cellar Door and their future plans for the patio, special events and food offerings.

Ted Lysiak spoke about Business of the Year Awards which will be tied into the Business Showcase in October. More info to come in March.

Ted spoke about the updates at the high school which includes new windows and lighting.

Aaron gave an update on the Queen of Hearts drawings and the 50/50 raffles.

Michele Elias thanked chamber for the donation for the snack pack program. She invited all to attend the 5 year anniversary Open House at NGCC on February 25.

Matt Ryser invited all to St. Ambrose's end of summer steak fry on February 25th.

Barb Bejger updated all on the plans the garden club has for 2017. They have decided to continue to do the planters and the gardens at the library. The club will not be doing the hanging baskets this year. Rick Patrick stated that the village will be looking into doing the hanging baskets.

Janet Edwards spoke about the upcoming Road Apple Roubaix which will take place on Saturday March 4th.