

WARREN AREA CHAMBER MEETING

Wednesday, July 5, 2023. Lunch provided by Esmeralda's 2.

Introduction of Chamber members and guests, Please be sure to sign the attendance sheet. Thank you for your investment in the Warren community!

Welcome - Pastor Troy Drayer opened in prayer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting - Minutes were reviewed. Terry Miller motioned to approve, Tammy Zehner seconded. Motion carried.

Previous Treasurer's Report- Report was reviewed. Terry Miller motioned to approve, Joyce Buzzard seconded. Motion carried.

Spotlight Business

- **JH Pottery Works**— Josh Heim enjoys working with local clay and is currently working with and working out various firing temperatures, and fitting the correct glaze to the clay. He takes wholesale orders for several businesses for custom clay pieces. He offers Play 'n Clay class for groups, and Clay Camps for kids.

New Business

- **Scarecrow Festival** - Friday, October 27, 2023. Bippus State Bank is coordinating this year. All businesses are encouraged to have games with prizes for the kids. There will be three food trucks and the chili cook-off.

Old Business

- **I-69 Billboard** - We are working on a new design for the proposed billboards. Getting 2-3 quotes. We need to ensure a proper installation to meet safety requirements.
- **Eclipse Party Committee Sign up**- April 8th, 2024 about 3:10 PM total eclipse. We will be working with Huntington County Visitors Center and Huntington County Community Foundation for grants, funding and coordination of events for Huntington County.

Updates:

- **Downtown Park** – Jeff Souder updated the park is nearly done. A few small things to finish up, and the final Thank you plaques installed for the sponsors/donors.
- **HC Visitor's Bureau** - Tina Disch is in the middle of their summer promotions, and digital ad campaigns being run by the ad agency. Web traffic is coming in from multiple states.
- **HC Council and Commissioner** – Terry Miller invited everyone to their monthly meeting the last Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. They are working hard on tax restructuring.
- **HCCSC** - Salamonie School has a new principal, Elizabeth Kitchen. They will have synchronized elearning this year.

- **Historic Warren** -Becky Souder announced our participation in the Beacon Project Spotlight funding on Facebook page. Each person may vote for Historic Warren once per day with a valid email address. We need to advertise and have many people participate, voting is July 1-31, 2023. There will be cash prizes, 1st place \$1000 and 2nd place \$500. The interactive mural is complete and is listed on the Indiana mural site map.
- **SSF** - Joyce Buzzard is thankful for a successful festival. Thank you for all of the support. Our next meeting will be Tuesday night August 8, 2023 6:30 pm at the KBC.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be August 2, 2023.

Positions:

President – Cheryl DeWeese

1st Vice President – Tammy Zehner

2nd Vice President – Krysta Fornal

Secretary – Melinda Daniels

Treasurer – Patti Bustos

Terms:

Rose Broyles 2021-2023 – 1st Term

Cheryl DeWeese 2021-2023 – 2nd Term

Jeff Souder to fulfill 2023 term

Patti Bustos 2022-2024 – 2nd Term

Krysta Fornal 2022-2024 – 1st Term

Tammy Zehner 2022-2024 – 1st Term

Melinda Daniels 2023-2025 – 1st Term

Troy Drayer 2023-2025 – 1st Term

Robert Neuenschwander 2023-2025 – 1st Term