

# WARREN AREA CHAMBER MEETING Minutes

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024. 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:

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Minutes were reviewed. Gina Canady motioned to approve, Bonnie Boxell seconded. Discussion. Motion carried.

**Previous Treasurer's Report** – Cheryl DeWeese motioned to approve, Troy Drayer seconded. Discussion. Motion carried.

## **Spotlight Business -**

### **New Business**

- **Website** - We need to update. Please submit updated photos, logos, information to Tammy at tzherner@smekenseducation.com. A new photo of the Chamber members was taken.

### **Old Business**

- **Taste of Warren** – Tammy is very thankful for a very successful event! Special thanks to the committee Gina Canady, Jane Trickle and Jill Eltzroth. Thank you to all who helped and supported.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - March 30th 10:00 AM sharp! Thank you for filling and returning the eggs to Jane at Citizens Telephone. We will need help to prepare the eggs at 8:30 am.
- **Eclipse Party** – Monday, April 8, 2024. 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Planning to hand out 1,000 bags with advertising, new visitors guide, map, info for the event, etc. Compiling a list of volunteers who can help throughout the day.
- **Final Fridays** - Update: It is coming together and moving right along. Advertising cards are due in this week.

### **Updates**

- **Huntington County Chamber** - Steve Kimmel thanked the Warren Community for their support of the Entrepreneur Meet and Greet on 2/26/24 at The Exchange. Thanks to Jeff and Becky Souder for coordinating, to Brady Smekens with Smekens Education and Krysta Fornal with Son-Rise Bakery for their presentations, desserts, and Wagon Wheel food. This is a great way to bring people together, mentor, network and support.
- **HC Community Foundation** - Matt Ditzler encourages the Warren Hometown Grants available for Warren residents. Please check out their website for specific grants, and applications.
- **HCCSC** - John Trout announced the school board has approved an elearning day for 4/8/24. He asks for us to be patient with the upcoming improvements over the summer at HNHS
- **HC Council or Commissioner** – Terry Miller shared that HB1152 is of interest and one to watch. They are exploring the opportunity to apply for a Stellar Grant to benefit the County.

- **Huntington County Visitors Bureau** - Tina Disch has new HC Visitors Guides available.
- **Historic Warren Main Street** – Jeff Souder updated the 4th Annual Car Show will be 5/18/24, 11 am at Heritage Pointe. They will be hosting tours of their facilities, and are very supportive, Thank you! Grateful to our four major sponsors: Crain Ford, Hyline Hatchery, Mandy Surfus Realty and Glancy Funeral Homes. Many special things planned for the day: Music, Food Trucks, 50/50 Drawing, Merchandise Booths, Door Prizes & Prize Raffle.
- **SSF** - Next meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6:30 PM at the KBC. All are invited to come. You input and help is welcomed.
- **United Way** - Sarah Kemp - 2023 campaign is a wrap. Thank you breakfast will be held on 4/2/24 at 8 AM. They are working with the HC Jail to provide transportation for their work study inmates. They have matching grants available for community projects.
- **Warren Town Council** - Steve Buzzard said it was a big surprise they began work on the Nancy St project a month ahead of schedule. Hopefully they will finish a month early.
- **WACC Gift Bucks**- are available for purchase at Bippus State Bank in \$5 increments and work just like a check. The full amount needs to be used when redeeming, no cash back is given.

*Next meeting 4/3/24.*

**Positions:**

President – Tammy Zehner

1st Vice President – Krysta Fornal

2nd Vice President – Troy Drayer

Secretary – Melinda Daniels

Treasurer – Patti Bustos

**Terms:**

Patti Bustos 2022-2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

Krysta Fornal 2022-2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

Tammy Zehner 2022-2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

Melinda Daniels 2023-2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

Troy Drayer 2023-2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

Robert Neuenschwander 2023-2025 – 1st Term

Miranda Bolinger 2024-2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

Olivia Bolinger 2024-2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

Mike Ralston 2024-2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Term