

WARREN AREA CHAMBER MEETING

Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Lunch provided by Wagon Wheel.

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 John Boyanowski opened in prayer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting - Minutes were reviewed. Bonnie Boxell motioned to approve, Joyce Buzzard seconded. Motion carried.

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

Spotlight Business

- **Welcome Wagon**— Jane Trickle shared the "Welcome Wagon" began with providing food & fresh water to pioneers. Jane Trickle and Tammy Zehner took over in late 2019, Becky Parker, and Lilly Nutter served before them in Warren. Tammy shared what a privilege it is to share a welcoming bag of gifts to welcome new people to town. She thanked each of the businesses for sharing and allowing them to be the face of each of the businesses. They have delivered 238 bags to date. They get a list of new people in town from those who sign up for new utilities in town.

New Business

- **Riverside Park 3rd phase nearing completion**—The Chamber Board approved the acceptance of \$5,000.00 from the Town of Warren as they had committed in February of 2021.
- **Park Construction Update** - Jeff Souder updated that Mike Haggerty has recommended that we put sod over the dirt as grass to finish out the project. They have had it measured and the cost would be \$1150 for the sod. Mike has offered to pay half \$575 and is asking the Chamber to pay the other \$575, plus transportation to pick up the sod in Anderson. He is also asking for help to lay the sod, water, and finish. This would entail a Wednesday afternoon/evening, and finishing up Thursday morning. Jeff motioned that the chamber accept this proposal, Terry Miller II seconded, and the motion carried.
- **Eclipse April 2024** - Tina Disch encourages us to plan events for this event. Warren and Markle are the primary areas for this opportunity.

Old Business

- **Flowers for downtown and bridge 2023**- Thank you for voting via email. Gebhart's will be doing the flowers again this year, thanks so much! We need help watering them all. We will check with the Town about helping water during the week, and asking businesses on their block to please regularly water those pots.
- **I-69 Billboard** - We are looking into having a new design for the proposed billboard..
- **Website** - We are working with Steve Bucher to get us a new contract for his services. Patti is working with him to get accurate information delivered in a timely manner.

- **Samuel Jones Award Breakfast** - Committee will be meeting 5/11/23 6:00 PM to plan the event and select the Community service award.

Updates:

- **Downtown Park** – Shade sails will be installed upon arrival, and electricity for pole lights soon.
- **HC Visitor’s Bureau** - They have launched their new branding and are focusing on overnights and multiple events/attractions per stay.
- **HC Community Foundation** - Eight Warren students received grants this year.
- **HC Council and Commissioner** – Terry Miller shared the Housing Symposium went very well. They discussed needs projected for the next 5-10 years with plans to attract builders.
- **HCCSC** - John Trout informed us that we have three robotics teams at the World’s Robotics! The childhood programs are expanding at Salamonie School. There are many renovations being started this summer at HNHS.
- **Warren Town Council** - Steve shared Town wide clean up May 1-5. We have a new police vehicle.
- **Historic Warren** -Our third annual car show will be at Heritage Pointe on Saturday, 5/20/23 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. Band to perform 2:00-5:00 PM. Food trucks and Vendors lined up. Great turn out at the first final Friday concert, hosted at KBC due to rain. Jeff motioned we donate \$100 to KBC, LeeAnn Buzzard seconded, motion carried.
- **SSF** - Joyce Buzzard updated the SSF Golf Fundraiser is 6/10/23 at Dogwood Glen. Dan’s Fish and Chicken fundraiser drive-thru at the KBC is scheduled for May 19, 2023, Friday 4 :00- 7:00 PM. We are so thankful for Crain Ford, Warren Family Dentistry, and others who are sponsoring the Fireworks this year. We still have needs to sponsor other events.
- **Boys and Girls Club** - Plan to move 6/1/23. Looking for community service opportunities.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be June 7, 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