



**Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2024
Meeting Held @ Casey Park, Admin Bldg. – 3:30 P.M.**

Donna called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm and asked the group to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members: Donna Burolla, President; Sherry Verstraete, Vice President; Jim Switzer, Treasurer; Jenn Brake, Secretary; Board of Directors: Sylvia Ryndock; Bill Riddell, Community Liaison

Board Members Absent: Brian Natale and Virginia Molino, Board of Directors and Ray Cedruly, Community Liaison

Chamber Members: Christine LoDestro, WCEF; Patti Holdraker, Times of Wayne County

Guest: Alexia Glanzel, Weller Group (financial planning)

Approval of minutes dated June 17, 2024 - Motion made by Donna Burolla seconded by Jim Switzer; all voted in favor.

Correspondence: no new correspondence

Membership Outreach:

Donna Burolla reached out to K2 Brewery and Fairlife regarding membership. Bill Riddell will be meeting with Fairlife, Coca-cola subsidiary, that will be bringing approximately 300 jobs to Webster.

New member dues received – ROC Drift LLC and Christine LoDestro (joined as an individual)

Treasurer's Report – Jim Switzer

Balance Operating Account: \$17787.34

Craft Show Account Balance: 632.87

Review Visa account statement (signing): No statements to sign.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Sherry Verstraete and seconded by Sylvia Ryndock. All voted in favor.

Old Business:

- Scholarship Policy Revisions –
 - Google Meet date July 22 for the subcommittee
 - Donna Burolla provided Jim Switzer a mailing address to send the scholarship check to winner, Ella Collier.
 - Christine LoDestro confirmed that it is ok to use Ella's senior picture on the website.
- Chamber website - Howell Contract/WebSurge
 - Donna will request an estimate from WebSurge and Nichol Wyle, President of the Williamson Chamber and Owner of Wyle Business Solutions.



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- The group agreed to go back to Howell to ask them about the questionable items on the contract.
- Annual Chamber Community Banquet (see page two)

New Business:

- Chamber to sponsor Masonic Lodge #416 luncheon for veterans, 1st responders, police. July speaker is for honor flight. Cost is \$120.00 for one luncheon.
 - Donna moved to accept and Christine seconds. All voted in favor.
- Meal Disbursement Policy:
 - the group agreed to table this until next meeting.
- Voting Policy: Voting: Each paid member is entitled to one (1) vote on business presented to the Chamber. Businesses or organizations who are members may delegate alternate representatives at a meeting, in writing, with a limit of one (1) vote per paid membership. A member must be present at a meeting of the Chamber in order to vote. (per Section II Chamber By-Laws)
 - Short term – add agenda and meeting minutes to the website
 - Long-term –look into changing the articles of incorporation. Bill Riddell will look into an attorney that can help.
 - BID update:
 - Christine LoDestro informed us that the BID is interested in the Chamber doing hot chocolate, but they don't know where we will be stationed. She let the BID know that we are still interested in doing the Masonic Lodge. Sherry is going to reach out to the Masonic Lodge to confirm we can do it there.
 - Donna confirmed there is a bench available for the green space on Main Street.
- Membership idea – Christine put together a folder with the OCC meeting schedule, ribbon cuttings, the brochure and benefits of membership. She will be dropping them off to new businesses.

Programs or Events for 2024:

- Program – Meet, Greet, & Chat - Bill Riddell (Economic Development) with special guest Supervisor Aman – October 9, 2024, 5:30-7:00, Konstantinou's (tentative location).
- Sylvia put together a nice flyer to share with members for future locations.

NEXT MEETING August 19, 2024 (MONDAY) @ 3:30 P.M. – CASEY PARK OFFICE BUILDING



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2024 ANNUAL CHAMBER COMMUNITY BANQUET

DONORS AS OF JUNE 10, 2024

Edler Acres
Jerry and Ellen Edler
5673 Arbor Road
Ontario, NY 14519
Donation: flowers for centerpieces for tables

Howell Studios LLC
Partick Howell & Ben Roesch
2000 Ridge Road
Ontario, NY 14519
Donation: Photography services at banquet

Doze Guys Entertainment
Dan and Tom LoDestro
2001 Brookway Crescent Ontario, NY. 14519
Donation: DJ Services at banquet

Brake Marketing & Management Jennifer Brake
2551 Lake Road
Ontario, NY. 14519
Donation: Design program

Nominations:

Volunteer of the Year: [REDACTED]
Award: plaque and gift certificate to the Pub Ontario
Sponsor: Sherry Verstraete,
Community Organization: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Award Plaque: framed certificate and money donation
Sponsor: Christine LoDestro
Business Improvement: [REDACTED]
Award: Special plaque (Bill Riddell will work with Donna on the plaque)
Sponsor: Brake Marketing & Management

Constellation Grant:

Submitted 7/1/24 – requested \$1,000.00

Invitation & Registration:

Invitation – review of timeline for activities & menu & price



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Raffle – review new card format & price; determine GRAND PRIZE:
Registration – review fee collection and/or check submittals & RSVP date

Raffle:

Christine & Donna – collection update

- Christine reached out to approximately 70 organizations
- Themed styled baskets

Program:

Special thank you to gift basket donors.