

Ontario Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

Monday, 04.21.2025

Casey Park, Admin Bldg. - 3:30pm

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees

Donna Burolla, *President*

Sherry Verstraete, *VP*

Susan Tripp, *Secretary*

Frank Robusto, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors: Sylvia Ryndock, Christine LoDestro, Brian Natale

Community Liaison: Bill Riddell

Member: Dan LoDestro

Member: Pro Konstantinou

Guest: Jenn Brake – new website discussion

- Motion made by Bill Riddell to move forward with the proposal for a new website as written by Brake Marketing & Management in the amount of \$2000. Second by Christine LoDestro.
- All present members voted in favor, none were against.

Diane Costenoble – unable to attend meeting. Sent in a QuickBooks review of features and cost.

Will request Diane to attend next meeting and we will vote at that time.

Approve Agenda - Additions/Discussion Items

Approve meeting minutes dated 3/17/25: Sherry made a motion to approve minutes, Christine second.

Correspondence: None discussed

Treasurer's Report: Frank Robusto

- Frank reviewed the balance in our account
- Frank will start sending a treasurer's report monthly, in conjunction with Donnas monthly report.

Committee Reports (Review Committees and Updates from Chair)

- Public Relations: Christine
- Marketing and Communications: Sylvia R and Dan L

- Reviewed their new committee and provided us with an overview of their action items.
- Online Technology: Susan & Donna
- Fundraising: Sherry & Brian –
 - Craft show is set up on Nov 7th and Nov 8th is show
- Membership Outreach / Update: Christine
- Community – Christine

Old Business:

- Deadline for polos to be turned into Bill is next meeting. Bring your shirts!
 - This is the link that was shared for purchase on Amazon (I bought one and will also get a short sleeve version)
 - [Link to AMAZON POLO](#)
- Donna made a motion to award \$500 to the applicant of the Chamber Entrepreneurial Scholarship to our applicant. Christine second – all in favor – everyone – against, none.

New Business:

Discussion –

Merger w/ Ontario Chamber and Western Wayne Chamber

- General discussion around the pros and cons of combining groups.
- Donna made a motion to decline this offer, Sylvia second – all were in favor.
- Donna will reply to the Western Wayne Chamber with our response.

Eliminate/downsize and move to a small PO box.

- Frank to downsize to the smallest box for remainder of 2025 – Motion made by Sherry, second by Brian N.

Cell phone bill:

- Discussed the cell phone bill expense.
- Motion made by Sherry to eliminate the cell phone bill in the amount of \$54 per month. Second by Dan L. All members were in favor and the cell phone will be disconnected. Donna confirmed the cell phone has been disconnected as of 4/24/25.

Pines of Peace

- Request for donation for Charity Auction (May 4) Deadline 4/25/25
- Pro Konstantinou offered a gift card and a bottle of wine as a donation on behalf of the Chamber.

Informational Sharing:

- **National Small Business Week:** May 4-10
 - Alp Photo (Anna Porter) to do head shots.
 - Konstantinou's confirmed food / cash bar for event
 - FB Page Event created and shared

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- **Ontario Community Night** at Rochester Red Wings game on May 13th
 - Sponsorship options (Table to hand out info, Table + tickets, Table + tickets and ad)
- **Donation policy** – Review criteria for making any donations from the Chamber.
 - Does this donation benefit the business members of the Chamber?
 - Can it be seen as political or showing favor to one group over another?
 - We currently budget \$500 per year
- Donna made motion to adjourn, Christine second. All in favor

Next Meeting May 19, 2025 (Monday) @ 3:30 p.m. – Casey Park Office bldg.