

**Avilla Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2018**

In attendance: 6 Members

President Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Mark Bleeke made a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Russ Shartzter seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer's report was given, the balance is \$2122.64. Dick Littlefield motioned to approve and Mark second. The motion passed 5-0.

**Old Business**

The Noble County Fair Board position representative position remains open. If you know anyone interested, please contact us for more information at 260.242.4898 or email at [avillachamber@gmail.com](mailto:avillachamber@gmail.com).

Relocating the Welcome To Avilla signs: Bill Ley checked with Hoosier Signs and was told that the signs could not be moved until the ground thaws.

Membership decals: The decals have been received and have been sent to members who have renewed. All agreed that the decals should be sent to all members at the beginning of the year, each year. Decals will soon be sent to those who have not already received them.

Avilla Christmas Charities (ACC): The Chamber has operated the ACC for two years and plans to continue doing so. Now that the Chambers 501(c)6 has been reinstated, there needs to be documentation in place that verifies ACC is a part of the Chamber. Therefore, ACC will be added as a DBA with the Secretary of State and a committee needs to be formed. A motion was made by Judy Littlefield that a four person committee be formed which has one chair (Chamber Member) and three members (one representative from each church). The motion was second by Victoria Ferguson. The motion passed 5-0. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please contact Kevin Kelly at 242-4898.

Revisions to the By-Laws: As part of the request for the 501(c)6 reinstatement, we had to state what has or will change to ensure that the proper paperwork is filed with the IRS each year. Part of that statement was that the By-Laws would be revised to list specifically who is responsible for filing the paperwork each year. Therefore, section 8, Duties of Officers, is being revised to give primary responsibility to the Treasurer and secondary responsibility to the Vice President. Additionally, the Secretary duties are being updated to include the responsibility of

membership records and renewal notices and receipts. These changes were reviewed and voted on. A motion was made by Dick to accept the changes as noted, second by Russ. Motion Passed 5-0.

### **New Business**

New members: Avilla Freedom Festival and Mediacom

Avilla Fire Chief Jonathan Harris: The Chamber donated \$100 to the Jonathan Harris Benefit Fund at the Chili Dinner and Bake Sale on Saturday March 3. Chief Harris is recovering from Guillain-Barre Syndrome. He has been discharged from the hospital and is in assisted care as he recovers.

Town-Wide Garage Sales: The town-wide garage sales dates are May 10, 11, and 12 (T-F-S).

Avilla Freedom Festival: The Chamber will be donating \$100 to the Festival as was done last year.

BBQ Sale: The Chamber will be doing a BBQ sale on May 12 during the town-wide garage sales and start of the Farmers Market. This year Highs will be doing the bar-b-queing and will have their cooker on site at the Town Hall. We will be selling 300 chicken halves and drinks (pop and water). Volunteers will be needed to help with the selling. If you would like to volunteer or if your business would like to be a sponsor contact Kevin Kelly at 242-4898.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: The Chamber is working with the Noble County Public Library and the Avilla Parks for the breakfast with the Easter bunny. The event is Saturday March 17, starting at 9:00 a.m. The Chamber has provided 200 plastic eggs and \$60 dollars of candy. McDonalds is also sponsoring the event.

With no further business, Markl made a motion to adjourn. Judy seconded. The motion passed 5-0

Meeting ended at 9:54 a.m.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Avilla Library.