

Avilla Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes July 14, 2018

In attendance: 5 Members

President Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Mark Bleeke made a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Russ Shartzter seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's report was given, the balance is \$3123.50. Victoria Ferguson motioned to approve and Sheryl Prentice seconded. 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.

Relocating the Welcome To Avilla signs: Hoosier Signs has made no progress. All in attendance agreed that they are to have the signs moved by the end of July or we have someone else do it. Kevin will contact Hoosier Signs to let them know.

Benches: We are now in possession of five of the six benches purchased in 2002. The bench which was at the American Legion was found to have originally been purchased by We Search ReSearch and was relabeled American Legion Post 240. There was some discussion as to how to proceed. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting. We are still looking for any information on the other one. If you have any information or pictures of them you are willing to share please contact Kevin Kelly at 260.242.4898.

New Officers: For those recently elected into a Chamber office, today's meeting is the first of their one year term. The position of Secretary is still open. If you are interested in filling this volunteer position contact Kevin Kelly at 260.242.4898.

Avilla Freedom Festival: Kevin Kelly attended multiple Freedom Festival meetings and also helped during the event to broaden the Chambers involvement in the community. We look forward to more interaction with the Freedom Festival Committee.

Fundraiser at Avilla Freedom Festival: We were planning to sell Chinese food at the festival but the people who volunteered to do the cooking backed out.

New Business

Thrive 101 Bus Tour: Kevin Kelly was asked by the Noble County Convention & Visitors Bureau to give a speech about Avilla during lunch at the St. James for the tour. It was a good opportunity to let others know how Avilla is growing and preparing for future growth. Sheryl Prentice from the Noble County Convention & Visitors Bureau was present at the Chamber meeting and spoke about this years tour and the goals of Thrive 101.

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

Meeting ended at 9:46 a.m.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, August 11 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Avilla Library.