

Avilla Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes April 12, 2019 - Updated

In attendance: 3 Members

President Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Victoria Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Emily Schneider seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer's report was not available..

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.

The Avilla News copies from 1889 and 90 which were donated will be scanned by the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis. They were hand carried to the library and the scanning will likely be completed in June or July. The Indiana state Library scans old Indiana newspapers as part of an initiative to document Indiana history. Once scanned, they are made available online at newspapers.library.in.gov/ .

Sign Fence: Victoria Ferguson will be working on a guideline sheet to provide to businesses and organizations. We will add to or replace the fence based on participation. We need to determine the geographic location limits for businesses to include. If you are interested in helping contact the Chamber at avillachamber@gmail.com or call 260-242-4898.

Benches: Work will begin soon on the benches. Our goal is to have them done and ready before the Albion Street improvements are complete late this summer or fall. It was decided to put either "Avilla Chamber of Commerce" or "Town of Avilla" on the benches in lieu of business names. If you are interested in helping contact the Chamber at avillachamber@gmail.com or call 260-242-4898.

Membership Decals: Based on the results of the survey, we will be ordering vinyl clings for the membership decals. The price break is at a quantity of 120 so we will be ordering 45 for each year (2019, 2020, and 2021). An updated quote will be reviewed prior to placing the order. We may also offer the website badge for those who are interested.

BBQ Chicken Sale: The sale will be the last day of the townwide garage sales which is Saturday May 11. We are partnering with the Avilla Fire Department and the sale will be at the Town Hall. Expenses and proceeds will be split equally. High's Signature Bar-B-Que will be doing the cooking again this year. Your support would be greatly appreciated whether you volunteer to work the sale or stop in and purchase some chicken.

New Business

Welcome new member: Welcome Avilla Masonic Lodge 460 F. & A.M. to the Chamber Family!

Annual Meeting: The June meeting is the annual meeting. This is the time when a new slate of officers are voted in to a one year term. We really need more and new volunteers to fill the officer positions to keep things fresh and growing. The more people that volunteer, the less load on each individual volunteer. Any Chamber member can hold an Officer position. You don't need to be a business owner or have any specific experience, you just need to be willing to volunteer some time. If you are interested in becoming a Chamber Officer or volunteering, contact the Chamber at avillachamber@gmail.com or call 260-242-4898.

With no further business, Emily made a motion to adjourn. Victoria seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Meeting ended at 12:46 p.m.

Our next meeting is on Friday, May 10 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Avilla Library.