

Avilla Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes May 10, 2019

In attendance: 4 Members

President Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Kevin noticed that it was omitted to engrave the benches with either "Avilla Chamber of Commerce" or "Town of Avilla" in lieu of business names. Bri Mason made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Victoria Ferguson seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer's report was given, the balance is \$1,720.17. Victoria Ferguson motioned to approve and Russ Shartzter seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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.

Sign Fence: Victoria Ferguson will be working on a guideline sheet to provide to businesses and organizations. We need to determine the geographic location limits for businesses to include. Kevin has received an organization sign to place on the fence and there is little space left. Kevin will be looking into getting a quote and/or donation of labor to add to the fence. If you are interested in helping contact the Chamber at avillachamber@gmail.com or call 260-242-4898.

Benches: The benches will be disassembled in a week or two. Our goal is to have them done and ready before the Albion Street improvements are complete. 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: The vinyl cling decals have been ordered and will be distributed as soon as we receive them. A website badge is available to those who are interested. If you are interested, contact the Chamber at avillachamber@gmail.com or call 260-242-4898.

BBQ Chicken Sale: The sale will be the last day of the townwide garage sales which is tomorrow, 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 Lutheran Life Villages to the Chamber Family!

Miracle Tree of Noble County: Miracle Tree is raising funds to purchase a building in Albion. They are a 501(c)3 organization and have never had their own office space; only that which is donated or rented. That has made them relocate not only their records but all the donated items almost every year. It was decided to donate \$500 from the Avilla Christmas Charities fund. A motion was made by Bri and seconded by Russ. The motion passed 4-0.

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, Victoria made a motion to adjourn. Russ seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Meeting ended at 12:42 p.m.

Our next meeting is on Friday, June 14 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Avilla Library.