

Avilla Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes February 8, 2020

In attendance: 3 Members

President Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Victoria Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Jennifer Sonne seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer's report was given, the balance is \$2003.66 in checking and \$6988.97 in ACC savings. Jennifer motioned to approve and Victoria Seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

The Noble County Fair Board position representative position remains open. If you know anyone interested, please contact us for more information at avillachamber@gmail.com.

Sign Fence: No updates.

Benches: The cast iron ends have been taken to be sandblasted and painted and we are looking into who to have make the new wood slats. If you know someone who would be interested in helping with the wood slats, please contact us at avillachamber@gmail.com.

Tree Decorating Contest: Victoria Ferguson headed up the Tree Decorating Contest. There were five participants and the winner was Wildflowers Curiosity Shop. Thank you to Victoria and all those who participated and supported the event.

Avilla Christmas Charities update: A total of 24 applications were received, 23 families and 67 children were helped this year. All except four families were adopted by other Organizations/Businesses/or Families; which is the highest number adopted in the last four years. Because of this, the majority of the money raised this year went into a savings account for future years so that we can continue to help families in an economic downturn. The toys and food donated were made available to those who adopted families. The remainder of the toys were donated to Noble County Miracle Tree, and the remainder of the food was donated to the United Methodist Food Pantry.. Thank you to those who put out collection boxes and/or coin donation cans: Parkers Outlet, Dollar General, NCPL-Avilla, Lassus Handy Dandy, Indiana Phoenix, and Avilla Liquors. If you would like to help coordinate Avilla Christmas Charities please contact the Chamber at avillachamber@gmail.com.

New Business

The Chamber website is in the process of being updated. Please be patient as things are being worked on and updated.

The Chamber now has a debit card to make it easier to pay for items such as domain name renewal, webhosting, and office supplies. We are also looking into getting a phone for the Chamber.

The 2020 membership decals are available and will be distributed in the next week or two.

BBQ Sale: We are beginning to plan for the May BBQ sale which we are planning for the weekend of the townwide garage sales. We would like to work with the Avilla Fire Department again this year and split the proceeds.

Fundraiser: We are looking into doing a fundraiser with quilt squares and are determining cost and event guidelines.

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

Meeting ended at 9:58 a.m.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the Avilla Library.