

**Pearl River Board of Trade Inc. DBA Pearl River Chamber of Commerce
Pearl River Chamber Minutes for General Meeting
February 10th, 2016, 7:00 pm – The Brew House**

Call to Order

Roll Call – see below list of attendees

Report of the Treasurer:

Checking acct: \$39,822
Cash on the Town: \$ 2,400
Holiday Lts/Beautification: \$ 4,200

Report of the Committees

Committee updates

- **Membership:** 131 total, 111 business, 20 residents. Membership letters to be sent out.
- **Government Liaison:**
- **Promotions and Events:**
 - Pearl River Day is Saturday, October 8, 10-year anniversary
 - Easter Egg Hunt is March 26 at 1pm sharp. Thank you to the Divinys who will organize the event again. Need volunteers at the Central Ave Field to distribute eggs.
 - Matt Reid made a motion to approve the date and \$2,000 expense
 - All approve
- **Technology:**
- **Beautification:**
 - Banner Project Committee: Flags should be up by 3/1. Flags will change specific times during the year: March will be Welcome Spring and St. Patrick's Day, summer will be American flags, fall is to be determined. Bought more poles so flags will be steady.
 - Utility Poles: Robert Tompkins reported – met O&R , gave estimates, town board will pick up some expenses. William to Main Street underground - \$77,000, Main St toward post office – height up 10" and \$12,000 on Central Ave across from The Brew House. Still working on Main St to Rt 304. Some property owners agreed to easements (William & Main St). Matt Reid reported – came up with \$110,000 budget to do all (no poles on Central Avenue except in front of Dominos). O&R has been very responsive, attitude is now or never.
 - Sidewalks: Matt Reid reported sidewalks to start in spring, after the parade.
- **Nomination Committee:** Susan Perzigian made a motion to nominate the below nominees:
 - Matt Reid for President, Nellie Grossenbacher for Vice President, Michelle Worob for Treasurer, Annie Paratore for Secretary. Nominated board members: Patrick Holt, Bridget Killen, Vincent O'Rourke, Susan Perzigian, Beth Simonelli, Chris Smith, Andrew Tannariello, Hilda Kogut and Emmett Woods.
 - Robert Tompkins seconded
 - Susan reported there are no other nominations. Move to vote
 - All in favor
- **Pearl River Farmers' Market:** Matt Reid reported there was a farmers' market meeting prior to the Chamber meeting. Decided to try a "First Friday" event from May to Sept/Oct instead of the weekly market. Attempt to keep format similar to the farmers' market and add music/bands. Location would be upper Central Ave Field. Link the downtown business to First Friday with promotions, food sampling, etc. Created a committee (Chamber members and community reps) and will plan meeting to organize an April fundraiser.

Meeting minutes to be approved:

Matt Reid made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Hilda Kogut seconded. All in favor.

Comments – Discussion

New Business:

- Andrea Rickerd and Michael Grella, Relay for Life, fundraiser for American Cancer Society. Overnight event June 4 at Central Avenue Field. Looking for teams.
- 3rd Annual Night Out w/Team O'Grady, Saturday, March 12, 8pm, Rockland Irish-American Cultural Center in Blauvelt, \$25 at the door. Need donations for raffles. Contact: Michelle Worob
- Angelo Raffa hosting event after the St. Patrick's Day parade at Defiant Brewery. All are welcome.

- Nellie Grossenbacher interested in updating the water fountain by Chase in Pearl River. Would like to have a functioning water bottle filling station. Check with the Rotary who built it years ago.

Upcoming Events:

- March – Mixer at Hibernian House March 9th, 7pm, appetizers and cash bar

Adjournment Matt Reid adjourned meeting

Attendees – February 10, 2016 General Meeting:

Nellie Grossenbacher
Debbie Paciello
Chris Smith
Pat Holt
Michael Grella
Brian Campbell
Ben Shifteh
Simi Shifteh
Jeffrey Gibs
Angelo Raffa
Kelly Maris
Matt Reid
Robert Tompkins
Heidi Kogut
Susan Perzigian
Ray Sheridan
Jim Van Houten
Pat Heaphy
Antoinette Flynn
Andrea Rickerd