

## TROY CHAMBER AUGUST 2023 MINUTES

President, Bonnie Seeley, introduced Guest Speaker, Joy Laue, from the Troy Alumni Association, at the Troy Chamber meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

Laue announced the Troy High School building will be 100 years old this year. A large Centennial celebration is being planned for October 6 - 8.

Laue wanted to see if Chamber members would want to assist with making it a great event in downtown Troy. Her goal is for people coming to this event, to patronize many businesses in the area. She indicated it is not just a celebration of the building, but to really celebrate all the people who are alumni, faculty and staff that used to work or study at Troy.

Also, Laue wanted to include all the Chamber businesses since 90% of businesses in Troy are managed and run by people, along with workers, who are in Troy alumni.

In an effort to make it a convenient time for everyone to attend, including students who are enrolled in college, people with businesses, and employees, the Association chose Columbus Day weekend, when schools and many businesses are closed, which is the first weekend in October.

Upon Laue advising the Chamber what is all being planned, she requested the Chamber to see if they could assist with funding a part of it, such as some of the Friday evening events.

In addition, Laue is asking all Chamber members for donations for a basket raffle.

"We can support the Chamber and the Chamber can support us," said Laue.

Also, to help raise funds, the Alumni Association will be selling a Logo to put in the windows of local businesses.

There is a lot of information on their facebook page, Troy PA School Foundation and Alumni, and also on their website: [troypaschoolfoundation.org/projects-7](http://troypaschoolfoundation.org/projects-7). If anyone would like to participate in this celebration, please email: [alumni@tasdf.org](mailto:alumni@tasdf.org).

On the above-stated website, the Alumni of Troy is requesting people to update their contact information. Under 'How Can You Help?', click on 'Update Your Alumni Contact Info - Online Link' they are looking for email, addresses and telephone numbers. They want to create a newsletter to send out to Alumni members.

### Committee Reports

Robyn Cummings provided Seeley with the information on the Tourism Agency to pass on to the Chamber, in her absence.

The July Joint Chamber Mixer had a nice turnout with 45 people.

On September 5, the Room Tax Grant information will be available on their website: [www.visitbradfordcounty.com](http://www.visitbradfordcounty.com).

If any business has any events for 2024 and want them promoted, please let Cummings know because she will begin working on the 2024 travel guide. This is a free advertisement.

The mural is on the train car and the informational brochure, artist bio, and specific facts about it will be forthcoming.

Also, as a reminder, download the Digital Passports, 'Hungry Hiker' and 'Museums Uncorked,' which partners with the restaurants and museums to outdoor recreation.

With regard to the Hometown Christmas program, the committee will start planning it soon. It will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 25, at the First Baptist Church and Troy Vets Club, with the possibility of Troy Fire Hall, if can guarantee them 20 vendors. The Troy Sale Barn has their own event that day also.

Seeley reported the Car Show event has been doing very well.

Elizabeth Ward advised the Hometown Heroes banners have held up extraordinarily well and will try to get in touch with the vendor again.

With regard to merchandise, the Troy School District building will be the building this year, to commemorate the 100th year. The ornament will be the Troy Vets Club.

If any businesses have any events or sales to promote their business, please contact Amy Ward to put it on the Chamber's facebook page.

Seeley is working on updating the Chamber's website so please let her know if your business/individual information is incorrect.

Barbara Barrett, gave the report on the Bradford County Heritage Association. They are in the process of getting Red Run Rod & Gun Club's windmill erected on the Heritage Village and Farm Museum's property. Also, they are working on reassembling a wooden silo, so people can walk out of the Museum and into a silo room and through the silo. The foundations are in place for both of these exhibits.

#### New Business

There was a request from Cathy Brown, wife of the Pastor for Troy United Methodist Church, for their Youth Group to sell a wooden replica of their building. Steven Lambert made a Motion to allow the Troy United Methodist Church's Youth Group to sell a replica wooden building of their church for \$20, with a condition Chamber can use their artwork, seconded by Pam Brown.

Also, Will Hawrylo made a Motion to have four \$25 Chamber Gift Certificates provided to the Troy Alumni Association for their basket raffle for the Troy High School 100 year anniversary celebration, seconded by Lambert.

The next meeting will be held at First Citizens Community Bank in Troy, in their Board Room, on Wednesday, September 6 at noon.