

TROY CHAMBER MAY 2024 MEETING MINUTES

The Troy Chamber held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 1, during which numerous upcoming events were finalized.

COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Card announced they currently have increased another two members, bringing their total to 83 members.

Jeni Putnam from Troy Vets Club advised there are a few dates still open to sign-up on the calendar, for businesses to run the Chamber's food stand at the Car Show. All the profits received from the food stand go toward funding the three \$1,000 Scholarships they will award to three Troy High School Seniors next school term.

Putnam also informed the Chamber, the July 10 Joint Mixer Picnic will begin at 5 p.m. at the pavilion in Alparon Park, in Troy.

Picnic attendees will have the opportunity to participate in two sitting games and two more active games. They are planning to draw for door prizes and a Basket Raffle, so they are seeking donations of Gift Certificates or Gift Baskets from businesses or individuals for this event. Anyone interested in donating, please contact Putnam at the Troy Vets Club or Diane Sindoni at Bradford Hills.

Charlie Earle made a Motion to provide four \$50 Troy Chamber Gift Certificates for the Mixer, seconded by Derek Hall.

Burgers and hot dogs will be provided, while attendees are requested to bring a dish to pass. Please bring along cash for the Basket Raffle.

Additionally, Putnam provided additional information on the Halloween and Christmas decorating contests. The Halloween decorating contest is for residential homes and will run for six weeks. It will be announced on Sept. 4, with the applications and photos due, along with the entry fee on Oct. 9. The winners would be announced on Oct. 23 and on Oct. 30 the prizes would be awarded. They will set-up a facebook page for people to post photographs of their decorations.

The Christmas decorating contest will be held for five weeks for businesses only, and will be announced on Nov. 4, with photos due by Dec. 9. The cost is \$25 for a business to enter, or \$15 for Chamber member businesses. Winners will be announced on Dec. 18, with prizes awarded on Dec. 23.

With regard to Advertising and Publicity, President Bonnie Seeley stressed in order to get businesses recognized, they need to get their information and events to her and also to Robyn Cummings, with the Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency, to put on their websites. On the Chamber website, they are updating the memberships and may look to do a 30 second video of the businesses and highlight a few at a time.

Kevin Morgan has a few hours into revitalizing the website so far.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With regard to the Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency, Cummings advised people want to come to the area to do fun things. They are updating their website to enhance it and place other features on it. She stated the guide is out and is doing well.

Cummings also advised the Troy Lions Club celebrated their 85th Anniversary on Friday, May 10, with a charter dinner for members at the Troy Fire Hall. The Lions Club have also participated in the walkway clean-up, Adopt a Highway and will present the academic awards at their banquet. In June, they will be holding their annual golf tournament.

Barbara Barrett announced the Heritage Museum will be open for the season from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays and by appointment. The Silo is coming along and they are hanging pictures inside it. She stated on May 14, the Farm Days were held. Also, the new Museum Guides are out.

The Troy Sale Barn held a Mother's Day Market.

Bridget Callaghan, Manager of the Rialto, provided information on the Summer Cinema Book Squad program for those students who complete Third to Sixth Grade. A book per month,

along with a relating movie will be shown, from June to August, which will be provided at a cost of \$10 each or all three for \$25. There will be a limit of 60 children. Leon English and Otto Bookstore are sponsoring the event.

In addition, they will be holding Summer Matinee Thursdays at 1 p.m., beginning on June 6 with "The Goonies," "Shrek" on June 13, "Matilda" on June 20 and "How to Train Your Drago" on June 27. Tickets are \$3 each. These movies are sponsored by the Canton Foundation, Canton Community Nursing Service.

Michelle Blade of the Studio of Troy advised the Troy Community Theatre put on a production and Earle gave away some free tickets for it. The actors were extremely wonderful she stated. In addition, the Studio of Troy will be providing a summer painting program on Thursdays in June and July. There will be two sessions, with one at 10 a.m. for children ages six and under and one at 11:30 a.m. for ages seven and up. It will be fun and a messy painting.

The Barnstead Pantry will be holding an outdoor Sales Saturdays event, beginning in June and running until August. They will be highlighting one or two vendors with some of the products they sell on Saturdays.

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The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at noon at Bradford Hills.