Notes from the Troy Chamber of Commerce meeting on Nov 6, 2024, at the Founders Lounge of The Troy Sale Barn.

Meeting opened on time by President Bonnie Seeley with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the approval of the Oct minutes. The treasurer's report was then given by Elizabeth Card.

Event committee reported about the upcoming Holiday decorating contest for Troy area business that was to start on Nov 13th, with winners to be announced on Dec 18th and prize awarded by December 23rd. Jeni took a few minutes to thank the judges for the Halloween Parade costumes and floats.

Bonnie commented that the new Hometown Hero banners are completed and were hung up before Veterans Day as hoped. Special thanks to the American Legion Auxiliary members who made them possible and a special nod to Jeff Bower for using his equipment to hang them.

Membership and Budget & Finance committees will be meeting soon to start the new year.
Person/Business of the year nominees have been selected; email information will be going out to members soon. Votes need to be submitted by Nov 22nd and winners will be announced at a banquet in their honor to be held on Dec 4th at 5pm at TVC.

Robyn Cummings reported that the Christmas Basket program is well underway with over 400 families being served this year at a cost of 300K. Baskets will be assembled at the Troy Sale Barn during the week of December 15th thru the 21st. Everyone is invited to assist during the week and monetary donations are gratefully being accepted.

Bridget reported that the Rialto is doing several exciting things this month. On Wednesday the 13th Read & Reels Book Club will be discussing "Winter's Bone" followed by a viewing of the movie. Doors open at 6pm. On Thursday the 14th Musician "Van Wagner" will perform at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. "Wicked" opens on Friday Nov 22nd. And on Wednesday the 27th, comedian "Lucas Bohn" will entertain at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. While the Rialto Museum is now closed, watch for an announcement about their Pop-up Christmas shop full of local vendor items.

Troy Sale Barn report from Nicole Harris was highlighted with enthusiasm about the upcoming Hometown Christmas events. The Sale Barn has 40 vendors signed up for the event. There was discussion about the Chamber and the Sale Barn contributing to joint advertising for the event. There was a motion, second and vote to move forward with this. An additional plan was set forth to purchase additional signage with directional arrows to assist shoppers with finding the 4 locations included in the Hometown Christmas Event. Additional events at the Sale Barn are Cornhole tournament every Monday and Archery starting in January and running through March.
Susan Storch reported that Allen F Pierce Library is open through the winter M-F from 10 till 5:30 and Sat 8-3.

Rod Manley reported on the Free community event at Alparon Park on Dec 7th at 5pm. There will be music, lights and food vendors. This is the second year for this community event. For more information on the event or how you can be involved, email Rod at info@alparonpark.com or leave a voice mail on the park office phone at 570-297-3648.

Barb at the Heritage Museum reported via Bonnie that while the museum is closed until next spring, watch for announcements about upcoming craft workshops including basket weaving, broom making, and corn husk doll making. Sadly, it was announced that Christmas in the Village will not be held this year. Barb did want us all to know that traffic counts in the area were up during the year. This should be encouraging for all of us trying to grow our businesses.

Robyn Cummings reported that Tourism in Bradford County is crisis free. She reminded everyone to get their business ads and events up on the BC Tourism website and to contact her for information and pricing to be included in the annual brochure which has a 70K copy distribution from Maine to WV. She reported that the room tax grant application process is closed for this year, money and contracts will be distributed soon. There was 128K available to distribute.

NEW BUSINESS:
On Nov 17th members are invited to assist with the town's Christmas decorations. Volunteers are asked to meet behind Hoovers at 7am. The plan is to get breakfast at the Fire Hall upon completion.

OLD BUSINESS:
It is believed that the by-laws and other important papers are with former president Zack Gates, an effort will be made to locate them and find a secure home for them.

Will Hawrylo reported that the tax grant application for TCC was completed and submitted on time. If funds are granted, he will move forward with our plans to publish a Troy business directory/advertising brochure. News to follow.

The Halloween parade was discussed and celebrated as a success. There was a decision made to find a solution to the horse manure problem that was experienced at Croman school this year. Otherwise, we are all hoping for continued success with the parade.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 by President Bonnie Seeley

Submitted by Jeni Putnam, TVC 11-6-24