

## **TROY CHAMBER MARCH 2024 MINUTES**

The Troy Chamber held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 6, at which time the information regarding their Scholarship Program was reviewed.

Robyn Cummings provided copies of the documentation for the Chamber's review, before submitting it to the Troy Area School District.

A total of three Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each, to deserving students that have met the necessary requirements.

The Scholarship categories are: Academic (four year degree), Trade/Technical (two year degree) and School to Work, for anyone that will be remaining in the community after school, to support a community business.

These Scholarships are funded by the proceeds of the annual Troy Chamber of Commerce concession stand that are set-up every week during the Car Show, which is held every Tuesday evening, beginning this year on May 28 through September. It is held in the parking lot of the First Citizens Community Bank in Troy.

If anyone knows of a graduating Senior in the Troy Jr/Sr High School, please advise them to stop in to the guidance office to pick up an application for this Scholarship Program. Deadline to submit the application is April 1.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Bonnie Seeley would like somebody to take over doing Hometown Heroes. Someone is needed to 'spearhead' this committee so families can purchase banners of their loved ones who served our great Country.

There is a certain minimum quantity that need to be ordered at the same time. If can give the project nine months, should be ample amount of time to do what needs to be done to receive new banners.

If anyone would like to take over this most important committee, please contact President Seeley.

Also, President Seeley advised any Chamber business or organization having any specials or events to tag the Chamber on facebook and send it to her, so it can be included on the website. The website is being kept updated with memberships, events and Minutes posted.

Membership applications are coming in, with a total of 72 memberships to date, which include some new ones.

Charlie Earle, owner of Building No. 9 Grille, brought some new ideas to to the Chamber table, on how to enhance the Chamber businesses in Troy. Some of his ideas the Chamber will check into are Trifold Brochure or Rack Cards/Folder for Chamber businesses.

President Seeley announced that Kevin Morgan, an expert graphic designer, has agreed to improve and maintain their website. She would like to see him spotlight every Chamber business and highlight downtown Troy.

The Chamber reviewed the proposed Budget, which includes proposed expenses, along with the amount of income that received from dues collected, thus far. Mike Bridgham made a Motion to approve the Budget, seconded by James Blade.

All non-profit organizations need to work together.

Cummings gave the report of the Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency. She advised the 68 page annual Guide is in and will be distributed throughout the area. It is also available for digital download off their website, [www.visitbradfordcounty.com](http://www.visitbradfordcounty.com). She will be using the Guide to promote and highlight everything to see and do in the County.

She will still be attending trade shows to promote the area, into the second quarter. Events can still be added at any time to their website.

Deb Lutz of the Heritage Village and Farm Museum have new rack cards and their guide should be completed by end of April. They will be open in conjunction with the Maple Festival the last weekend of April and will officially open Saturday, May 4, and be open every Tuesday and Saturday thereafter.

Bill Brasington of Troy Historical Society announced they are planning new things for the entire theatre and are in the process of converting things. For Memorial Day, they will be highlighting 50 people who have served in the military.

In addition, they are planning to do a North Pole at Christmas, with historical things and to make it fun for kids.

Brasington plans on keeping things changed around, so people have a reason to keep coming back. If miss it, won't see it again for another five years.

The Historical Society is open every Tuesday from 1 - 4 p.m., but they will be extending hours soon.

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Bradford Hills will be having a Community Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be an egg hunt for different age brackets, (beginning at 1:15 p.m.) two food trucks will be attending, and there will be photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny (arriving at 11:30 a.m.)

Bridgham stated the Troy Lions Club and Rotary Club are still partnering together to hold the monthly community dinners the second Monday of every month at the First Presbyterian Church of Troy.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The donation of \$5,000 from Western Bradford has been received and Chamber members discussed various options. Bridgham advised he hopes the money is used to benefit the whole community and as many businesses, including economic development. Blade made a Motion that the entire amount of the money is used in the town and for the good of the community, seconded by Scot Sample.

#### **Misc.**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3 at noon at the Troy Vets Club.