

## TROY CHAMBER OCTOBER 2023 MINUTES

The Troy Chamber of Commerce provided the details of the Halloween Parade during their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

President Bonnie Seeley informed the Chamber that a concern was raised about the Halloween Parade being held in the evening, which raised the possibility of a Saturday parade. The Chamber decided to keep it on Halloween, Tuesday, Oct. 31, as it typically has been, since it does start at 6 p.m. and there are already area parades on the Saturday before Halloween. Seeley advised the permit has been submitted for the route, the Troy Vets Club is providing the Judges and Attorney Zachary Gates agreed to again be the 'boss' of the parade. The costumes and floats will be judged between 5 - 5:30 p.m., parade lineup will begin at 5:45 p.m., with the parade starting at 6 p.m. at the W.R. Croman Elementary School.

### **Committee Reports**

Seeley announced the Hometown Christmas will be held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, on Nov. 25. Trisha Wilkinson and Seeley will physically visit businesses before preparing a brochure to highlight participating businesses.

Also for the Hometown Christmas, Seeley stated they are signing up vendors to set-up at the Troy Vets Club and the First Baptist Church. The Troy Sale Barn is already full with vendors. Seeley informed the Chamber the car show brought in a profit of \$3,536.05 this year, with only one rain cancellation.

"I want to thank everyone that participated in the car show and anyone that worked or donated to it, because we all work together to make Troy great," said Seeley.

Robyn Cummings remarked that this money is raised to fund the three \$1,000 scholarships, which are going to three seniors, who meet the criteria. She recommended that next year a sign be placed at food stand advising what the funds are going toward so everyone is aware. Card reported on the Hometown Heroes that there is a minimum order of ten banners, all with the same background and has to be provided in AI format. After the approval of the proof for ten banners, it will take three weeks for production of them.

Amy Ward of C & N Bank, handles the facebook page, and advised that businesses that post an event on their own facebook page, to also tag the Troy Chamber, so she will see it and can share it on the Chamber's page.

In addition, Tami Bethune of BTG Solutions is seeking an individual or high school student to keep the website updated.

Cummings indicated they are commencing with the Person/Business of the Year event. They are planning to have this presentation at the Chamber dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at the Troy Vets Club again, with appetizers and cocktails, with RSVP. The time was adjusted to the evening, so more members are able to come.

### **Announcements**

Cummings indicated the Room Tax Grant will close on Friday, Oct. 13. The application and overview can be downloaded off their website at [www.visitbradfordcounty.com](http://www.visitbradfordcounty.com).

Also, Cummings advised they increased their publication of the annual guide for 2024 an additional 10,000 copies, since the demand is greater. Everyone needs to submit their events and take advantage of this free service. The deadline for submission is Nov. 17 and it has to be entered on the form on their website.

Barbara Barrett of the Bradford County Heritage Association exclaimed they had a very successful Heritage Festival. Right now, they are erecting a silo by the Farm Museum. Kate Montgomery, an Intern from Mansfield University, has been involved in helping at the Farm Museum.

A Trivia Night is being held every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at the Farm Museum as a fundraiser, costing \$5 per person, with the proceeds split 50/50. It is similar to the Big Pond Trivia Nights, with a couple of twists. You don't have to have a whole team. Barrett advised that the first one went very well.

The Lions Club will be holding their annual raffle on Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Troy Vets Club. They are looking for new members and are continuing to have their monthly dinners with the Rotary Club at the First Presbyterian Church.

Cummings advised they serve 400 - 500 families for the Christmas basket program, so always seeking donations.

The Old Shoe Banquet will be upcoming, with Troy hosting it this year.

Troy Sale Barn is holding Cornhole Tournaments on Monday nights, which are receiving a large turnout.

The Church and Troy Vets Club will be receiving sound panels on the back wall to improve sound.

Gates advised the Cub Scouts will have their first camp out in Shunk and there has been an increase in Cubs and Scouts. They will be participating in the Veterans Day event.

Superintendent Dr. Janilyn Elias advised they began a newsletter, three times a year. Also, she stated on Oct. 31, Principal Jeremy Kulago of the Troy Intermediate School, will be having a haunted walk through the school.

Seymour advised Kid's Can't Fight Cancer Alone are holding the Tab Wars against Canton again this year. At Athens they are holding a 'Gold Out' since there are three families in need there.

### **New Business**

The Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with an Open House at their Burlington facility, which is open to the public. They are providing a light lunch and tours of their facility will be available.

Card advised they will be decorating the downtown of Troy on Sundays, Nov. 12 with a rain date of Nov. 19. Anyone that can help is to meet behind Hoovers at 7 a.m. and after they are done decorating, there will be a breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Troy Sale Barn.