

TROY CHAMBER OCT. 2024 MINUTES

The Troy Chamber of Commerce held their meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at the Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority, during which Will Hawrylo, of The Golden Oak Inn Bed and Breakfast, in Troy, advised on his progress of initiating a brochure to promote the town and Troy businesses.

He has 33 businesses in Troy interested in advertising in it, which Robyn Cummings, of Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency, thought was a tremendous response. He obtained estimated costs to have the brochure printed. Up to 5,000 brochures could be printed to promote Troy from 50 miles away.

Also, he is continuing to seek the By-Laws from the past.

"That is a phenomenal response," Trish Wilkinson stated.

The Chamber members present unanimously voted to proceed with the brochure project, after Cummings made a Motion to proceed, which was seconded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAR SHOW REPORT: President, Bonnie Seeley, reported that the last Car Show of the year was held on Tuesday, Oct. 1. Four shows were cancelled this year. The total amount of the proceeds the concession stand brought in this year was \$3,611.21. This amount is enough to sustain the cost of the three scholarship awards the Chamber will provide again this year. Seeley thanked Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority and Coppertree for their kind monetary and ice donations. She also appreciated Jeni Putnam, of Troy Vets Club, assistance with this event.

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS: Thus far, Seeley indicated they have 12 vendors for the Troy Vets Club, which holds up to 15 spots, and she has two vendors at the church.

HOMETOWN HEROES: Seeley stated Gayle Morse has 14 new banners ordered and she hopes to have them installed before Veteran's Day.

"She did a great job," exclaimed Charlie Earle.

HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST: Putnam stated two applications were submitted for the contest, with only photos of the one entered thus far. The deadline to submit entries (application and photos) is Wednesday, Oct. 16. She is seeking judges for this contest, which will be judged on the photos submitted, unless they need to go see in person.

BUSINESS/PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS AT BANQUET: Cummings and Wilkinson will be meeting to compile a list of candidates for these Awards, which will be presented at the Banquet this year on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

BRADFORD COUNTY TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY: Cummings advised the Room Tax Grant will close on Friday, Oct. 11. She indicated they are currently collecting information on events planned for 2025 to place free in their annual guide for next year. Please go to their website: www.visitbradfordcounty.com.

She advised 41 riders participated in the Gravel Bike Loop. The Eastern PA Trails and Greenways Summit had 430 challengers, with one person completing it within 30 hours, while taking only three, 20 minute naps. In one month, the Instagram page went from zero to 18,000 followers. Thus, she advised the businesses do really need to provide the things bikers need, such as water bottle refill stations, restrooms, etc. A map of their travel can be followed on Heritage Regions.

EVENTS

PA HERITAGE FESTIVAL: Barbara Barrett reported they were blessed with beautiful weather. This was the first year they had the Fine Arts Council of Troy participate. In addition, she wanted to thank Chesapeake personnel with assisting in setting up the three 20" X 40" tents. She also wanted to mention Howard Energy for the gentlemen installing shelving in the new garage. She was a little disappointed with the lower attendance numbers.

Barrett advised this is a family event and a little girl washed clothes all day. Children had to learn how to operate the water pump by priming the pump to receive any water. She is seeking some new and odd ideas for next year.

RIALTO THEATRE: Bridget Callahan, Manager, will be hosting special events for Halloween!!! On Thursday, Oct. 24, Joseph Smith, author of "Hitchcock's Psycho: A Dive Into Madness" will hold a book signing before the movie is shown at 7 p.m. On Oct. 25, at 10 p.m., Bridget Callahan's podcast, 'Eerie Echoes' will be hosting 'Halloween Live,' with people telling paranormal stories, (EerieEchoesShow.com). The movie, "Scream," will be shown on Oct. 26 at midnight. Van Wagner will be performing his newest songs, along with storytelling, on Thursday, Nov. 14.

ALPARON PARK: On Saturday, Nov. 2, they will be holding a Community Rummage Sale. They are also planning the Community Christmas Tree lighting on Saturday, Dec. 7. They would like to have a walk through, road of lights, for which they are seeking donations of lights.

TROY LIONS : The Community Dinners are continuing on the second Monday of every month at 5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Troy. The Troy Rotary also assists with these dinners.

They will be holding their Raffle on Saturday, Oct. 19, for which they are seeking donations. Wilkinson made a Motion to donate a Troy Chamber basket, seconded by Putnam, with all approving, except Cummings abstained.

They served over 400 families in the Troy School District last year with food, clothing, and gifts, in the Christmas Basket program. They will need volunteers to continue this community program.

The next Troy Chamber meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6 at the Troy Sale Barn.