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Meeting

Started at 8:30 am 1/9/24

AGENDA: Welcome Comments / Guests

Attendees:

Ken Braden, The Flood Department Linda Koons, North Star Customs Jerry Koons, North Star Customs Jim McNeill, Guidemark Strategic Advisors Pete Maheideis, VYBE Realty Dora Pepenel, M&T Bank Kevin Dunne, Victory Mortgage Patrick Schoelen, Cruise Planners Sudha Kaistha, SK Printing. Steve Domotor, Council Member Jeff Rose, Revitup.me

Meeting Conducted by Jim McNeill

Jim thanked the Upper Deck for letting us host these events and providing breakfast

Jim thanked Ray Miller for his years of service as President of the Chamber

Introductions

New Officers were installed

Approval of minutes? General Meeting 12/12/2023 minutes approved

Treasurer's Report – Jim read statement from Alex, 33k in bank, need budget meeting

Committee Reports Chairmanships and Committees are available

Finance – Alex Chair, Eagle Scout Project needs representative at awards ceremony.

Advertising – Vacant Committee

Ambassadors – Kim Thompson and Dave Reagle

Government Liaison – Steve Domotor Joint Workshop with Planning Comission and Developer 1/16/24 7pm Legion Marijuana business sign ordinances put in place.

Membership – We now have 82 members. Linda and Dora.

Professional Development – Postponed until spring at August meeting.

Social Committee - See dates below for the business card exchanges and other planned events. Now looking for 2024 sponsors. Pete Maheideis joined committee. Chris and Ray may still be on it.

Scholarship Committee Helen Rose will represent HCC, Sudha wants to join

Soiree –

Website – No updates

Old/New Business

- Mt Airy Phone Book will be discontinued, The chamber did not advertise in the last one anyway.
- New Year, What do we want membershio to look like? Lets come up with ideas to grow attendance and the membership. Build the group. Get new team members. Increase engagement,
- Kevin Dunn is the Vp. Kevin spoke about learning from other chambers and trying new things like training and entrepreneurship training. Helen would love to do this too. Pete was in the Ho Co Chamber. We can teach digital marketing or any business topic.
- Membership goal is 100 members

Upcoming Events –

- Planning Meeting Will be scheduled 1/23/24 at M&T Bank
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Adjourned at 9:45am