

**January 9, 2019 – Chamber Board Meeting
Cellar Door Coffee**

In attendance were Michelle Zivoder, Ted Lysiak, Ben Coll, Rick Patrick, Jerry Kehoe and Roger Angel via phone.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Ted Lysiak.

Financials were provided by Roger for 2018.

Meeting dates & tentative locations for 2019 were set:

- February 6 – Library
- March 6 – Dairy Queen (Roger to contact)
- April 3 – Monica Potter Home (Rick to contact)
- May 1 – McDonald's (Rick to contact)
- June 5 – Cal's Scholarship Luncheon
- July – No meeting
- August 7 – Two Travelers
- September 4 – Nelson Race Track or Community EMS (Ted to contact)
- October 2 – Energizer (Rick to contact)
- November 6 – Garrettsville PD (Rick to contact)
- December 9 – Chamber Holiday Social at Cellar Door

The online apps / website to be kept up to date with meeting locations and times

Special Event Dates Set

- St. Patrick's Day – March 16
- Community Garage Sale – May 17 – 19
- Car Cruises –
 - Main Street May 25/26
 - Garfield Plaza June 29
 - Main Street July 27 / 28
 - Peach Social Aug 10 / 11
 - Sky Plaza Sept 7

- Chamber Cookout -- TBD
- Discover Garrettsville – May 1 – Aug 31
- Christmas on Main – Nov 1 – Dec 15
- Clock tower Lighting – Nov 30
- Small Business Saturday – Nov 30

Membership packets will be going out in January. No changes to the registration fees. Include slips for donations to include: Flower Baskets, Car Cruise Sponsorship, People Tree, Scholarship Fund and the Food Cupboard.

Scholarship Fund – The chamber will put a hold on the business showcase for this year. To raise funds for the scholarship fund we will do 3 raffles – 1) Spring 2) Fall and 3) Sweetest Day. Goal is to raise a minimum of \$3,000 for the scholarship fund. Committee to review the costs associated with prizes, donations, ticket prizes.

Funds for the scholarship account were to be brought to a \$3,500 level to cover the 2019 scholarship awards and the outstanding scholarship of \$500 from 2018. Motion made by Rick, second by Ben to move \$900.28 from flower basket funds to the scholarship fund.

Farmer's Market – discussion held with regards to support of the Farmer's Market for 2019. Agreed that if membership to chamber is done, then Chamber will include farmer's market in the chamber's advertising schedule. No additional funds to be allocated at this time.

Food Cupboard – discussion pertaining the state of NGCC Food Cupboard was held. A community meeting is planned to figure out a way to continue the food cupboard when the Elias' retire. Should the food cupboard continue, and they join the chamber, then the board will provide funds as follows:

- Motion made by Rick Patrick, seconded by Jerry Kehoe to provide \$300/month for a one year period beginning April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 to assist in the payment of rent.
- Funds to be allocated from the 50/50 fund.

Business Awards for 2019 – re-establish business of the year awards.

Cruise Nights – Sponsor payments must be received by April 30th in order for the names to be listed on the advertising and the sign board.

Summerfest – Motion made by Ben, seconded by Jerry to sponsor Summerfest in the amount of \$1,500 for 2019.

Chamber Advertising

- Approved to run ads in the Geauga Now mailer promoting Discover Garrettsville.
- Look into pricing for Good Times publication
- Continue running ads for special events as in past

Discover Garrettsville Book – Rick to update mayor letter, Ted to update Chamber president letter and JAG School letter.

Garrettsville Strong – Roger to look into moving the funds totaling \$92,344.24 for the Garrettsville Strong to an interest bearing account which would allow access when needed but draw interest on the monies.

Wreath Replacements – Need to put a plan in place to replace the village wreaths. Rick believes we can get another year out of the current ones, but it is time to look at replacements. Perhaps fundraisers or sponsorships?

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 am