

New Carlisle Business and Community Association Minutes

October 2, 2024

New Carlisle Olive Township Library

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Craig Langhofer.

Attendees: Craig Langhofer (Edward Jones), Mindie Colanese (1st Source Bank), Joyce Forbes (Community Member), Kim Vaundry (Hometown Days), Suzanne Nowicki (Looking Glass Travel), Jackie Widelski (New Carlisle United Methodist Church), Rosie Michiaels (Coldwell Banker, 1st Choice), Sam Colalillo (American Legion Post 297), Jen Miller (Provision and Discover New Carlisle), James Masters, NFM&C, Attorneys), Peg Adams (Community Member), Roanna Hooton (Library). Guests also in attendance were Brittany Blackie, Emily Knarewith, and Jordan Clark (1st Source Bank).

Minutes from September, 2024 - Motion by Sue Nowicki, second by Kim Vaundry, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Mindie Colanese

Mindie reported the Treasurer's Report will be emailed to members.

Upcoming Events

New Prairie Education Foundation: Mindie reported the "Color Run" was successful in spite of the rain.

Discover New Carlisle: Jen Miller reported Christmas in New Carlisle will be December 1 from 1-6 (ET). AWS will be hosting activities and locations are being vetted regarding their tent set up. Vendor applications are open and they hope to have vendors in the various storefronts in downtown.

American Legion: Sam reported the following events: Polish Dinner, October 4 5-730; Chili Cook off, October 12; Beef & Noodles Boo Bash, October 19 with band (\$5 Cover); and Fish Fry, October 11 & 25.

Looking Glass Travel: Sue stated that special vacation offers for 2025 were starting to come in.

Hometown Days: Kim announced this was the 20th Anniversary year and October 28th was the first planning meeting for next year's event. All are invited to join the committee.

New Carlisle United Methodist Church: Jackie stated the Trunk or Treat event will be October 19th and participants are encouraged to come an hour before the event to set up their displays. Also, the Fall Craft Fair will be October 26th from 9-2.

New Carlisle Library: Roanna walked us through the Library's website and encouraged Community organizations to use the Community Calendar to advertise and promote events. They will also be publicizing bi-monthly via Community Snapshot newsletter which will be available at various business around New Carlisle. The Book sale is scheduled for October 25-26. She highlighted various links available on the website to access Ancestry as well as News Bank (digital newspapers in the area).

Fraud Prevention/1st Source Bank: Brittany, Emily and Jordan led the presentation on various fraud scams and ways to prevent and protect yourself and your businesses from the many fraudulent practices that are becoming more common. They had handouts highlighting the various actions you can take if you suspect fraud.

End of Year Items: Craig indicated that the board can present a slate of officers for the next meeting. Anyone interested in accepting an officer's position is encouraged to let Craig know your interest. Joyce asked if we wanted to combine the positions of Membership and Recording Secretary, which would

required a change in the by-laws. It was determined that the two positions remain separate and the same person could be slated for each.

Christmas meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, due to the availability of the Museum. Kim passed around a sign up sheet for the potluck. Mindie encouraged each member bring a new prospective business owner with them for that meeting to encourage new members. This meeting will be a lunch meeting at 1 PM (ET).

Next Meeting: November 6 at 1 PM (ET) at a location to be determined. Craig stated the guests would be Molly Hannon and Carl Brown-Grimm who serve on the St. Joe County Planning Commission. They would explain their role with the county especially as it pertains to the EIC.

Also, Joyce suggested the members submit suggestions for programs for the upcoming year – this would assist Craig in planning for the upcoming year.

Adjourn – There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Forbes

Approved: _____