

Greater Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2024

I. Meeting Called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Stephanie, Patty, Judy, Mike, Stephanie, Nancy

Guests: Jane Danger, Brad Geesaman, Mr. Phillips

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Stephanie to accept minutes. Second by Patty.

All approved.

IV. Treasurer's report

Motion to approve by Stephanie to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Mike. All approved

V. Old Business

- a. Strawberry Festival -June 7th and 8th - Sponsorship \$3,239.44
Patty brought up the idea of having a pin for the Strawberry festival. She will order 100 pins that are 1.25 inches. It will cost about \$235. Vendors for the Strawberry festival might have to be limited because we are growing. Patty will be doing some of the figuring in the near future. Veronica Wolf still plans on doing the Strawberry Run, but the details have not been finalized. If there is no run the school is not sure about the breakfast. Nancy will check with the Methodist Church as the second or back up if the school doesn't do it. Mike checked with the fire department they will be doing something again this year like last year. We will have the petting zoo (cost is \$800), climbing wall and 3 blow ups, also we will have the Mechanical Bull.
- b. Chamber 501(C)3 status (nonprofit) update: They have cashed the check - we should hear something by March or April.
- b. Membership updated: As of today - we have 32 members out of the 72 we had last year.
- b. Annual Banquet: February 12,2024 at 6 pm at El Primo restaurant - Guest speaker: Susan Zuiderveen & Todd Gustafson from Kinexus. We will spend \$200.00 on gift baskets for door prizes. The cost will be \$25 per person. Judy will be making Strawberry Shortcake for dessert. We are planning on 60 people.

V. New Business

- a. The new website is up and running. Please look at it
- b. Frank Dockter and some of the local businesses have come together to purchase two giant Strawberries for the festival. They are 7 ft. by 8 ft.
- c. Brad gave us updates on the school bond and the selling of them. He also talked about recruiting volunteers from the business side to go over the vision and 5 yr. Plan for the school. Reminded us that School will be out May 31st. Seniors last day is May 3rd and graduation is May 16th.
- d. Jane encouraged everyone to come out on Saturday, February 10th from 10-2 to support the pop-up bakery.