

## **Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association Meeting Minutes**

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at The Tin Cupboard.

**Members Present:** Maria Bruns, JoAnne Glentzer, Eric Brackman, Janelle Braun, Randy Diller, Sue Heiser, Jessica Otte, Jill Andrews, Keshia Willmann, Shawn Robinson, Samantha Muhlenkamp, Amy Wendel, Kristi Post, Tony Stahl

**Secretary Report:** Laura made a motion to approve the previous month meeting minutes, seconded by Janelle

**Chamber Treasurer Report:** Beginning balance, \$9,599.59; disbursements of \$500.00 and ending balance is \$9,099.59, \$10,830.44 in the Scholarship fund. Grand total \$19,930.03; Approved by: Keshia, seconded by Sue

**Merchants Treasurer Report:** JoAnne read minutes; Approved by Jenni, seconded by Jill

### **Chamber:**

- Banquet will be March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Legion
  - o The 2025, Hall of Fame, Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year nomination forms will be going out soon – start thinking about those special people in Fort Recovery that you would like to nominate for an award!
- Eric will be stepping down at the end of the year as treasurer, and Samantha Muhlenkamp from First Financial Bank will be replacing him. Thanks Eric and Samantha!

### **Merchants Association:**

- Ornament search winner – Willow Pottkotter! Had 22 people participate in t in.
  - o If you still have your ornament, please get in touch with Laura and she can grab them or you can bring them down to her.
  - o Other comments from the Open House
    - Photographer was around taking pictures – the sample pictures shown looked great! These will be for future advertising.
    - Would like it noted that next year, someone to control traffic might be a good idea for the Horse and Carriage, Kim's husband did it this year, and it worked out, it just meant he was there the entire time.

### **Village:**

- Income tax levy – passed and Property taxes will go down in 2026 in results of this passing
- 2 village council seats are open – contact Randy if you are interested in one of the spots.
- Light pole project is ongoing.
- Randy announced his retirement day as of February 28, 2026, Aaron will officially be Village Administrator as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Randy will stay on as guidance until his retirement date.

**School:**

- Dare Graduation for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade was yesterday
- Student Appreciation nights are getting ready to kick off for the Winter sports, next week for the girls basketball game
- Tri Star -10<sup>th</sup> grade tours next week, they will have to start making scheduling decisions soon
- Cell phone / device law goes into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. The School has a plan, more information about this will be in the Fort Site Journal's next edition.
- This coming Monday is a professional development day for the staff. One item that is on the day's agenda is Safety. The school had received a grant to help promote school safety.

**Project Recovery/Historical Society:**

- o Plaques are up – there are maybe a couple more to get up, have seen a few people checking them out.

**Jubilee:**

- Inflatable company same as last years
- Monthly meetings will start in January.

**Ambassadors:**

- Sign looks like it's getting an update
- WOW is helping to replace some fencing

**Upcoming Events:**

- Shop under the lights at A Simple Touch
- Brockman Boeckman Christmas Open House, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM

Janelle made a motion to adjourn, Shawn seconded.

Next meeting will be January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 AM at the Tin Cupboard.