

Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on October 28th, 2025 at The Tin Cupboard.

Members Present: Aaron Rengers, Laura Wenning, JoAnne Glentzer, Randy Diller, Thomas Shaw, Janelle Braun, Amy Wendel, Maria Bruns, Samantha Muhlenkamp, Kristi Post, Nikki Kremer, Eric Brackman, Sue Heiser, Ryan Steinbrunner, Holly Bihn, Lacey Heinrichs, Stacy Will

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

Chamber Treasurer Report: Beginning balance, \$9,504.59; Receipts of \$170.00; disbursements of \$75.00 and ending balance is \$9,599.59

Merchants Treasurer Report: JoAnne read minutes

Both reports approved by Sue, seconded by Janelle

Chamber:

- Copper & Co is waiting for their new sign to do their ribbon cutting
- Banquet will be March 9th 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!

Merchants Association:

- Halloween Parade – had 97 people go through, great participation!
- Scarecrow contest winners will be announced soon!

Holiday open house November 15 & 16th

- o Cookies with Mrs Claus, Saturday of Open house at the Tin Cupboard, more details to come.
- o Hide and Seek ornaments, maybe Indian ornament, if you want to participate and for more details, let Laura Wenning know.
- o Ava Kremer Foundation will be having Chili by the Salty Haven on Sunday of Holiday Shopping weekend.
- o Shopping spree of \$1000 - chamber agreed to donate \$500, other funds will be from merchant gift cards and businesses donating towards the rest.

Village:

- Income tax levy – on ballot next week
- School sidewalk projects are still being worked on.

School:

- Volleyball plays tomorrow evening in Regional Semi Finals! Good luck Travis and team!
- Football plays Friday in Cincinnati.
 - o Jutte Electric contacted the school and wanted to donate funds for a bus to take high school kids who needed a ride to go, Ryan Steinbrunner is going to be driving the bus. Brockman Boeckman Funeral homes is also donating money to help pay for Pizza and other misc. things! It might be opened up to middle school students as well depending on the amount of interest. Good Luck Wes and Team!

Project Recovery/Historical Society:

- One of a Kind Auction, reporting great success this year again.
- Plaque project is being worked on. Tom Kaup has headed up the project, 37-39 plaques going up around town, paid for by Project Recovery.
- Tom was at the meeting today talking about the Christmas light project. He said the following:
 - o Lights will be downtown (all white lights)
 - o Wreaths and lights at the monument
 - o Log house in Krenning park
 - o Visitors Center
 - o And possibly making Krenning park a winter wonderland or some sort.
 - o Would be looking for volunteers to help string lights November 11/12th – contact Tom if interested in helping.
 - o There is a slight, nutcrackers, etc. that are all going to be in Krenning Park for display.
 - o Looking for donations for the cost of tear down/putting up lights this year and future years.

Friends of the Arts:

- All lights have been installed – look for them to purple for the tournament runs!

Other News: Sue Heiser from WCSM is going to retire end of January, congratulations!

Upcoming Events:

Nikki made a motion to adjourn, Janelle seconded.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 25th at 7:45 AM at the Tin Cupboard.