

Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association Meeting Minutes September 29, 2026

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association met in regular session on September 29, 2026 at Wayne Heritage Hall.

Members Present: Maria Bruns, Ashley Lennartz, JoAnne Glentzer, Connor Rammel, Amy Wendel, Laura Wenning, Holly Bihn, Nikki Kremer, Janelle Braun, Carol Jutte, Jessica Otte, Thomas Shaw (and Eleanor 😊), Adam Hyrcko, Kristi Post, Tony Stahl, Samantha Muhlenkamp, Neal Spencer, Jill Andrews and Keshia Willmann

Chamber Treasurer Report: Beginning balance, \$12,383.74; Receipts of \$255 and disbursements of \$0.00 with an ending balance is \$12,643.74. Fort Recovery scholarship fund, is \$12,101.89, grand total in account, \$24,745.63. Connor made a motion to approve and Janelle seconded.

Merchants Treasurer Report: JoAnne read the treasurer's report for the Merchants. Nikki approved, Jill, seconded.

Chamber:

- Samantha reported there are a few outstanding memberships, she is going to reach out to those businesses today.
- SOCA event (with Coldwater Chamber), several members attended, Jenni had sent out an email with information, if you didn't get this and would like this, please let us know)
- Made a motion for an Ad in the WCSM Winter Schedule guide, Ashley will work on some art work with Adam. Connor made a motion and Keshia seconded it.

Merchants Association:

- Scarecrow Contest, has over 20 participants! If would like to participate, please fill out the google doc (see in main email). Will get directions on when to set up soon.
- Halloween Parade is October 25th at 3 p.m. – Town Trick or Treat to follow.
- Santa House was brought to the school for Mr Hawk's class to renovation/repair, they are thinking the budget will be around \$1000 for this to happen (will include a new roof)
- Christmas sign for Open House is being replaced, also considering yard signs.
- If you would like to participate in the "Hide Indian Ornament" let Laura know.
- WOW sales were a little down this year (\$800ish) per Connor everything was a little down compared to last year alcohol wise.

WOW: See above with sales, some reports of coolers not being checked. Everything else was good. Next years ticket will be 10,000 in person and 5,000 online.

- Rodney Atkins will be the headliner for 2027

Friends of the Arts: Purchased 21 benches, 10-11 are sponsored. If you are interested in a sponsored bench, please let Connor Rammel know.

School: - Received a 5-star rating (3rd year in a row!)

- No school this Friday, Professional Development Day through the Grand Lake Regional ESC
- Homecoming, October 10th
- Parent Teacher conferences coming up.
- Congratulations to Mo Johnson for passing her OBI (on board instructor certificate) so she can now certify / recertify bus drivers for the driving portion of their bus licensing in the district!

Upcoming events:

- Fall car show is October 10th
- Homecoming is October 10th
- Talent Show at the Opera House – FREE event to participate and watch. Open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m. – Please consider participating!
- One of a Kinda Auction – October 18th
- Scarecrow Contest will be gearing up to start soon.
- Native Days – at the School October 24th, please contact the historical Society with any questions and more information.

Janelle made a motion to adjourn, Jill seconded

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 27th at 7:45 AM at Wayne Heritage Hall.