

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting

The November 20, 2007 Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting was opened by President Connie Moyer. The minutes from the October meeting was presented for approval. Motion by Jim Herd, seconded by Dale Shaw to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion carried. Tracy Lecrone had the financial report at the door for anyone wishing a copy.

2008 Membership Dues was discussed. Melissa Eaton made a motion to change the membership dues for 2008 to Individual - \$25.00 Small Business \$50.00 Civic Group \$100.00 Government one division \$125.00 and Corp. \$250.00 seconded by David McCandlish Motion Carried. Membership incentives will be inclusion in the "Hitting the Bricks" newsletter and a Chamber membership decal. Other ideas are welcome.

The December Chamber meeting will be held at the Bremen Elementary School. Date and time TBA. Melissa Eaton made a motion to donate \$100 to the Assembly Singers at Fairfield Union because they always perform a nice Christmas program for the Chamber. Motion seconded by John Schmelzer. The motion carried.

Future Events:

Community Blood Drive: Tuesday, November 27, 2007 1:00 – 7:00pm @ The Fire House

Christmas In The Village: December 2nd This event is sponsored by Bremen Area Ministerial Association. The Liberty Bell Restaurant will kick off the event by having a Turkey Dinner from 4-6pm. Cost is \$8.95 Adult & \$6.95 Child Price includes: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Drink & Dessert.

At 6:00pm the gathering will begin at Dowling Park for the official tree lighting by the Mayor. A designated walking path to each church for a 20 minute program. St. Mary's – Calvary – Bremen Bethel – ending at Bremen 1st Methodist for light refreshments. There will be vans available for those who are unable to walk.

A thank you was sent from the Chamber and the Village to Tina Getz, Pine Vista Tree Farm for donating the Christmas Tree at Dowling Park.

Next To New Sale: December 7 & 8th Bremen First Methodist Church. Friday hours 8:30 – 5:00pm Saturday hours 8:30 – Noon. All proceeds go to purchasing sweatshirts for the local food pantry.

Santa At The Firehouse: December 17th 6:00 – 7:30pm Treats for the first 200 children. Pictures will be available by Mindy George, Images by Miss Mindy Motion by Dave Ray, seconded by Jodi Motta for the Chamber to donate \$250 to the event. The motion carried.

Old Time Village Christmas: December 22nd 9:00am-1:00pm

Liberty Bell - cocoa for the children with story time & Harp Music

Main Street Quilters – Children's secret Santa Gift purchasing

Crafty Grannies – Children Craft Christmas Card & Santa gift purchasing

Checkerboard Bakery – Cookies, Piano Music, & Santa

Bremen Bank – Coloring Books & Advertising

Rienschield's Meats – Bremen Bologna Coupon

Participating Businesses – Rushcreek Feed & Supply – Flowers of The Good Earth - Carolers – Salvation Army – Horse & buggy – Llamas -

Chamber Annual Meeting – January 14, 2008 Historical Society @ 6:00pm Trade Show beginning at 5:30 in hallway. Contact Marilyn Boyd 569-4168 for free spaces which are limited. State of The Village Address & State of The Township Address will be given. We will have a silent auction benefiting the Downtown Revitalization Program.

The October car show was so successful that River Valley Rods & Custom will be holding an annual car show in Bremen. Next years event will be held October 19, 2008 to benefit Fairfield County Hospice.

Dave Ray made a motion to defray the cost of the meal for the guest speaker. Seconded by Melody Borchers. The motion carried.

Featured speaker was Steve Magill of Superior Fibers.

Respectfully Submitted, Annamarie Qualls, Secretary to the Chamber.