**GENOA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce, February 2022**

The meeting was brought to order by President, Megan O’Brien. **Those in attendance were: Megan O’Brien, Jenny Caughorn, Tim Davies, Ariel Gresh-Jacobs, Austin Dean, Bill Kegerize, Gayle McWaters, Thomas Bergman, Leeann Dufendock, Brian Huston, Erick Sharer, Mark Stahl, Kim Harsanje and Marsha Lee.**

**Secretary’s report approved by a motion by Jenny Caughorn, seconded by Gayle McWaters.**

**Treasurer’s report was approved by a motion by Jenny Caughorn, seconded by Gaye McWaters**

**Board of Trustees: Luke Sutter**, chairman, Tim Davies, Bill Kegerize, Matt McKenzie ,Brian Huston, Leeann Dufendock, Areil Gresh-Jacobs and Auston Dean.

Chamber Spotlight of the Month: April-Genoa Area Schools, May-Genoa Garden Club, June-Genoa Library(kick off of Summer Reading program), July-Apostolic Restoration Center, August-Henry W. Bergman, Inc., September-Genoa Bank, (Anniversary), October-Makers on Main (Anniversary),November-Ottawa County Veterans Service(Veterans Day), December -OPEN)

Garden Club report given by Kim Harsanje. Erick Sharer will be the contact person for Kim.

Gail McWaters presented a sign that will be used for display of the Chamber Member of the Month.

OCIC will have their Annual Awards dinner March 19th.

Updates from the Mayor: The Town speakers are still a go The Goal Post Gala would like to hold the Event in downtown Genoa. Grant updates for Inland Trail will know in April if grant was approved for a bathroom in the park and a grant to take down the Luckey Farmers silos. Hopefully we will see progress on the Drug Mart project in the spring. County update: A grant has been applied for to construct a water line from Materion to the Village of Elmore. Long on going Opium settlements are a long process. School levies:2021 was last year foe previous levy. Renewal of Tech levy is needed This is .5 mill levy . Chrome books use to be $200.00 but now cost $230. Plus. If levies fail, staff members will be lost, bussing for K through 8th grade only will be outside 2 miles, increase for pay to participate, no open enrollment in kindergarten, cut a pre-school class. Cost of preschool is 50-60 thousand dollars per year. Homecoming will June 2-4th. Theme will be On Broadway. Former Genoa resident, Bill Nolte will perform. The Homecoming will be back to schedule with opening night Thursday.

Car Shows: will be 6/2, 6/28, 7/27 and the Super Cruise In 8/30

Harvest Fest: Leeann Dufendock will be chairing this event scheduled for September 17th. She would like to start planning meetings in April. Anyone with ideas for the event, please contact. Leeann.

Upcoming Events: Athletic Boosters Casino Night,3/26, Erick made a motion to donate $375 to sponsor this event, seconded by Gayle McWaters ; ACJFD Station #36 Reverse Raffle 3/26.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Lee, Secretary