

Metamora Chamber of Commerce

Spring Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2025

In Attendance:

Cheryl Robins
Kimn Smallman
Betsy Woodring
Juliana Clendenin
Michelle Donnelly
Joe Woodring
Jane Dominique
Larry Truckor
Debbie Luetzke
Gary Loar
A.J. Schroeder
Jim Wyse
Eric Smola
Sandy Slusarski
Jessica Thomas

Savannah Armstrong
Jeff Truckor
Rick Woodring
Beverly Shepard
Shawn Donnelly
Sue Woodring
Rosie Truckor
Marianne Gleckler
Heather Lumbrezer
Dave Sharples
Kate Huiskens
Courtney Krieger
Carrie Hulett
Vickie Koelsch
Milly Iwanicki

Call to Order – A.J. Schroder called the meeting to order with a brief welcome, the Pledge of Allegiance and reminder about the remaining two meetings.

Secretary's Report

1. Jeff Truckor moved to approve the January meeting minutes.
2. Rick Woodring seconded the motion.
3. All voted yes.

Financial Report – none available.

Welcome New Members – A.J. welcomed our two newest chamber members – the Fulton County Economic Development Committee and Bloponian Studios.

Announcements – presentation of the new flagpole to Carrie Hulett and the Evergreen Community Library for being host to our 2024 chamber meetings.

Business Spotlights

1. FCEDCD – Kate Huiskens and Jim Wyse
 - a. Kate took this opportunity to introduce Jim Wyse, the newly named Executive Director of the FCEDC.
 - b. Jim provided a brief background on his experience in government and private ventures.
 - c. Jim reminded that FCEDC is dedicated to bringing new business into Fulton County.
 - d. Jim reminded that the annual awards banquet is coming up April 24.

- e. Jim advised that there are small business grants available.
- 2. Metamora Area Historical Society
 - a. Began in 2004 by 15 Metamora High School graduates who created an exhibit at the library.
 - b. In November of 2021, they became the owners of the Rice Duncan house and subsequently spent two years renovating and setting up displays.
 - c. The garage will soon be made into additional exhibits.
 - d. Dues are \$10 yearly.
 - e. Events this year:
 - 1) Spring Tea – April 26 – sold out
 - 2) Vintage Wedding Dress exhibit – July
 - 3) Open Door Event – September
 - 4) Fall Tea – October TBA
 - 5) Christmas Decorations in November and December

Guest Speaker – Julie Bring from the Fulton County Visitor's Bureau

- 1. FCVB works hard to promote the area.
- 2. They work hand in hand with FCEDC.
- 3. Congratulated Metamora for having the most participation for the Fulton County 175th Birthday Party.
- 4. Reviewed the America 250 plans for 226.
 - a. There will be a specific theme for each month.
 - b. Count will offer some sort of celebration but not the county-wide as originally discussed.

Open Form

- 1. Party in the Park – June 13-15
 - a. Plans are in full swing.
 - b. Need lots of volunteers to fill slots everywhere.
- 2. Spring Clean-Up – Saturday, April 26
 - a. Meeting at park at 8:45 AM
 - b. Scholarship opportunity for the students but need adult supervision.
- 3. Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 16
 - a. Metamora Community Park
 - b. 6:00 PM
 - c. Cook-out dinner will be served.
 - d. Regional Planning will be guest speaker.
- 4. Bloponian Studios has samples of what she's working on to check out after the meeting.

Adjournment

- 1. Marianne Gleckler moved to adjourn the meeting.
- 2. Gary Loar seconded the motion.
- 3. All voted Yes.