

Bremen Chamber of Commerce  
Jan 16, 2019

**Old Business**

New Website Launch Jan 1, 2019  
New Membership Applications mailed out  
Sent out 156-member applications: goal is 100 members  
Reviewed reasons to be a chamber member

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Thank you, First Source Bank for Hosting the January Meeting

First Source Bank

Member Dues are expected by February 6<sup>th</sup>

Committees for: Membership Drive (after the 6<sup>th</sup>), Business after hours events (trial run), Survey

Updates to Business Emails and Business info is a must for involvement

Monthly Coalition Breakfasts (dates) for regular attendee or board member (Chandra Widener)

Working on New Monthly Hosts for Chamber meetings

Adding minutes to website for the chamber meetings starting 2019

Still fixing things on the website, please be patient with updates and changes

Center For Hospice Care Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Kristinana Donahue  
[donahuek@cfhcare.org](mailto:donahuek@cfhcare.org) or 574-286-1198

Training dates are Feb 19,21,26,28

## Meeting Minutes from 1/16/2019

We had 14 Chamber Members attend!! Thank you everyone that took time out of your work day. The more members attend, the more ideas & suggestions to improve our community.

Thank you, First Source Bank, by hosting the January chamber meeting. First Source is offering a winter CD special 2.75% for 23 months & car loan specials of 3.74% on 2015 & newer models. Welcome Amy Hines the new Banking Center Manager, we are super excited for you in this new position & wishing you lots of success!

We are currently working with Industrial Businesses and other businesses to host future meetings. If either company is unable to do so, we will hold the meeting at Lochmandy's.

March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM Bremen is hosting the area Coalition Chamber meeting! This meeting is for all the local Chambers that gather at one location. We would like someone from our Chamber represent us each meeting. As of right now Chamber Secretary, Chandra Widener will be attending the March meeting but any other volunteers would be great! The location for the meeting is up in the air whether it's held Marylin's Kitchen or the Bremen Hospital.

Marianne from the VFW will be hosting the Business After Hours meeting. This meeting is for local businesses get together in the evening to meet & greet & social networking. Marianne will get with her staff & see what date & time works best. We are thinking more towards March.

Mr. Bruce Jennings attended our meeting & talked about Partnering with Work Ethic Certification. This program has certain requirements a High School Senior needs to perform to become certified. This certification will make the student more employable in our community. The High Schools in Elkhart County are working with a group of business connectors in the community that encourages this program. Bruce would like the community of Bremen to be involved in this program as well.

The Bremen Police department is partnering up with the Nappanee Police Department for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Benefit Basketball game. Tip off will be 7:30 pm on March 15<sup>th</sup> & doors open at 6:00 for pre-game events & Festivities. This year we are raising funds for Kim Sellers & her family. She is a Bremen native & teacher at Bremen & she has been diagnosed with Cancer. Best wishes Kim & we will do everything to support you & your family & make this event successful.

The Center for Hospice Care needs volunteers in all local counties for training. No previous health care experience is necessary. This program allows comprehensive training in various opportunities such as Patient Care to Certified Pet visitors. There are three levels of training totaling 15 hrs. Next training dates are:

Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 12pm

Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 am to 12 pm.

Please contact Julia Fairchild at 574-243-3717 to sign up for classes.

The Chamber sent out 156 chamber applications to our local businesses on 1/4/2019. So far, we have had 14 come back & one new company, Tree Servants. Welcome Tree Servants, we are happy to have you aboard!! Our goal this year is 100 members! We **NEED UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESSES** for every Chamber member. Updated emails will help us get more info out to the community & more companies to sign up. For February's meeting, we will go over how many applications received & will need volunteers for the Chamber drive to go face to face to each company that has not responded.

First Source also passed out a pamphlet for Financial Wellness programs. If you are interested please contact Amy Hines at 574-546-1596.

I think we all agree; the new Chamber Website is fantastic, thank you Ben Hueni! We are working out some glitches so please be patient as we work out the kinks, as this is all new to everyone.

Great meeting & will be inContact with everyone as to where next meeting will be held. If I have left something out of the minutes for the meeting, please call Chandra 574-276-7986 & I will be more than happy to add or edit!

Have a wonderful January!!