

Bremen Chamber of Commerce Meeting
March 13, 2019
Hosted: at the Town Hall

In attendance:

- Barry Sisson, Cardinal Services of Indiana
- Chandra Widener, Chamber Secretary, Lochmandy's in Bremen
- Melinda Daily, Bremen Police Dept
- Steve Weaver, Steve Weaver Arts
- Julia Flowerday, First Source Bank
- Susan Rudecki, Edward Jones
- Marilyn Gingerich, Yoder's Bremen Hardware/Mariyns Amish Kitchen
- Krista Smith, Chamber Treasurer
- Brad Thorton, Chamber Treasurer in Training
- Rich Gramm, Headsight Inc
- January Morris, Bremen Ace Hardware
- Anneka Parks, Chamber Coordinator.
- Trend Weldy, Director of Town & President of the Chamber

Upcoming Meetings will be held:

April 10th-Lochmandy Motors

May 9th-Headsight Inc

June 12th-Indiana Carton

Membership drive:

The chamber has sent applications to all 156 businesses in this area & so far we have 55 signed up that is 35%. Our goal is 40-50% which is around 70 to 80 businesses. We got some great feedback from the coalition dinner on Monday to get businesses involved. Whether it's phone calls or by hand & foot, touches need to be made consistently to these businesses explaining the benefits of being a chamber member. We are open to ideas to sponsor events that can get the local community involved such as holding an Active Shooter class, CPR, Blood drive. We really need to focus on businesses that have 100+ employees.

A big THANK YOU to Julia Flowerday that put together a template for the new Chamber Newsletter that will be sent out monthly to Bremen Chamber members. This letter will contain a Lead story, Member Spotlight, Save the Dates, Community & Resources sections. We have some volunteers for the first newsletter going out on April 1st. If you want your company Spotlitged you will need to attend the Chamber meeting & do a write up about your business. This is a great way to advertise your business!

Also, Julia has put together a survey that will be emailed out next week to our local businesses & chamber members.

Thank you to Steve Weaver from Steve Weaver Arts as he is putting together our Bremen Chamber decals that will be sent out to 2019 Chamber members.

Looking for volunteers to hold an After-Hours Networking, Lochmandy has volunteered a date & time TBD.

Lutheran EMS has always supported our community with two ambulance services. They provided us with low bid contract because they were anticipating on buying Bremen Hospital. Now the hospital is owned by Beacon, we no longer have the finances for two ambulances. Starting June 1st until December Bremen will only have one ambulance service available & Bourbon will back us. Beacon has offered their services so Lutheran will have to put in a new bid.

Another great meeting & a lot of great ideas! See you all next month!