

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

John Feagan, Melinda Mallari Swan, Ted Jakovich, Frank Kichurchak, Jenny Johnson, Martha Catherwood, Michelle Lumadue, Mark Staron, Trish Strazar, Salena Parker, Jan Smolka **Visitors** | Jill Frings, Chris Lantzer, Tim Noonan, Theresa Roys, Sandy Borojevich Ed Gonzales, Alison Kuzma, Dennis Kuzma, Joe Grimsic

# INTRODUCTIONS

Open networking was followed by President John Feagan opening the meeting, introducing the Executive Board, and attendees introducing themselves and their businesses.

We were delighted to welcome business owners and professionals from Richfield, Brunswick, Strongsville and Medina.

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#### MINUTES

Minutes are posted on the About page of the Chamber website, for those who miss a meeting or want to revisit topics covered

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Checking is just over \$8,000; savings is around \$3,000

# WELCOME WAGON

Jenny Johnson will be making her first deliveries to new residents January 21 and all members interested in submitting any offers, specials or giveaways should bring those items to Jenny's office (American Family Insurance, 1287 Ridge Road #258) by January 16.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. "Traditional" Buzzard Day | Martha Catherwood
  - a. Martha explained how the Fire Department has taken more responsibility in helping organize and manage Buzzard Day activities, and suggested that they should receive more than the currently agreed-upon 50/50 split of profits.
  - b. Discontinued Canned Food Drive the work to sort and distribute often revealed that much of the food was expired and had to be tossed
  - c. Increased Child Admission with the cost of sausage increasing, a \$.50 increase in children's admission to the pancake breakfast will likely be implemented

# 2. Buzzard Day Buzz | Ted Jakovic

a. **Petting Zoo** – an affordable, self-contained petting zoo event was offered by Ted and welcomed by the Chamber



- b. **Pet Contest** Chris Lantzer (Woof Wise Dog Training) offered to conduct a pet contest to encourage interactivity and family fun for all 2-and-4 legged members
- c. **Tents** Dennis Kuzma (DMK Party Rentals) rents tents that could be set up and heated adjacent to the Fire Station; March 15 could be sunny, raining, or just plain cold. Tents can be rented by other businesses who do not have a brick and mortar building in Hinckley
- d. **Transportation** Don Kosinski (Ganley Nissan) mentioned he might be able to get a van to shuttle people from the school to Greensmith's and Town Hall, but he was not at the meeting to confirm that
- e. **Chair Massages** Martha Catherwood mentioned that in the past, chair massages had been offered in the gymnasium; given that one of the newest members has a staff of therapists, it might offer a way for them to participate as well as "sample" their skills
- f. **Mini Carnival** games of skill and other fun delights could be set up; there are companies who do such things, or chamber members could offer to coordinate activities
- g. **Advertising** an advertisement or press release is due the 15<sup>th</sup> of month for the Hinckley Record; it would mean getting art prepared and paid by or before Feb 15, 2015.

If any company wishes to sponsor the February luncheon, please contact Melinda at 330.212.5986 \*\*\*