

Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce  
Annual Dinner, Monday, January 27, 2025  
Old Rock, Columbus, WI

Dinner began with cocktails at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm, emceed by Ed Schellin. Following the dinner, Matt Amundson, Columbus City Administrator and Mike Kornmann, City of Columbus Director of Community and Economic Development, gave a presentation, laying out what the city is doing, goals, and opportunities for small businesses resources and updates. Façade Grant program was discussed, TIF Districts update, Business Retention & Expansion, Community mapping, along with Highway 73 resurfacing project were covered.

The annual meeting of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 7:10 pm by President, Katie Nichols. Members present: Katie Nichols, Patti Walker, Suzanne Walcott, Tommy Kempfer, Barbara Oelke. Recognized for their years of service to the chamber were Tommy Kempfer, Patti Walker, JD Milburn, Jon Meister, Tiffany Faust, Barbara Oelke, David Bennett and Suzanne Walcott.

The agenda included approval of minutes from 2024 Annual meeting, nominations for board members, Treasurer's Report and a brief update on our website rework. Please take a look, our goal is to more effectively communicate with our members, make online renewal of membership available and keep members informed on what the chamber is doing.

Motion by Ed Schellin, seconded by Tyler Walker to approve the minutes from last annual meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Treasurer's Report, all insurance is paid for the year, memberships are coming in and there is a balance of \$3853.18 in checking and \$1834.54 in Savings. We had 73 members last year.

Nominations from the floor for new board members. Cheryl Besaw – Old Rock, and Nick Sharrow, Senior member, were nominated by Ed Schellin, seconded by Barbara Oelke to approve the nominations. Motion carried.

Motion by Tommy Kempfer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patti Walker to adjourn. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Walcott, Acting Secretary