

Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 8:30 am
161 Building, Columbus, WI
Google meet: meet.google.com/qhb-mnaf-pvt
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The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Katie Nichols. Members present: Katie Nichols, David Bennett, Suzanne Walcott, Barbara Oelke, Nick Sharrow, Cheryl Besaw and Tommy Kempfer.

Motion by Nick Sharrow, second by Katie Nichols to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes from September 9, 2025 were reviewed, motion by David Bennett, second by Katie Nichols to approve minutes with correct spelling of David Bennett name where listed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A full report not available at this time, money for the wine walk coming in and expenses are being covered. Trolley banners have been ordered. Ticket sales are down but still having this week's sales.

Mail: Nothing to report.

Digital Report: Cheryl Besaw reports that we have 2108 followers. Continuing to post Chamber information and promoting Wine Walk.

Need a new point of contact for the phone.

Old Business:

Website update: Web redirect should have happened but has not. JD Milburn holds a connection with the site, with the subscription due to expire in November. No method for automatic renewal and should just be closed. We do need to get in touch with JD and get the email address, disconnected from his personal phone and linked with the Chamber's phone. David Bennett and Suzanne Walcott will contact JD and get this done.

Handbook: Updated preview of the Handbook is on the Google drive. Please review for approval at our November meeting.

Need to get the additional membership tags delivered.

Wine Walk was discussed. Tickets available online and available until Friday evening. Farmers and Merchants Union Bank has donated bags, and we are using smaller

glasses this year. Wrist bands should be in today. Date change may have had an impact.

Event.com: Need to budget this for next year.

New Business:

Cookie Walk on Small Business Saturday, downtown will be held on Small Business Saturday, November 29, 2025. Will begin promoting, arranging a Santa, preparing for drawings and gift baskets. Suggestion was made to hold from 10am – 2 pm.

Fire Station Truck and Treat- Recreation Department is handling this event with the Chamber handling the advertising. Occurring Oct 31, 2025 from 4-7 pm.

Holiday Parade: Holiday Hop - Recreation Department finalizing plans for date and time.

Holiday Train: December 10,2025 about 9:15 arrival time.

2026 Board Members and Officers: need to recruit and vote on officers in December.

Motion by Tommy Kempfer, seconded by Katie Nichols to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Walcott, Secretary