



## Hempstead Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 517 Hempstead, TX 77445

### Hempstead Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Hempstead Chamber of Commerce Building

**I. Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:46pm by President, Ms. LaTonia Chapel.

**II. Invocation:** Samantha Glover

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Freda Jackson and recited by all in unison.

**III. Sign in Sheet and Roll Call of Directors:**

Ms. LaTonia Chapel– President

Mrs. Sharon Boothe-Smith, Interim Secretary

Ms. Samantha Glover – Vice- President

Mrs. Adrian Brown – Member – Resigned

Mr. Malcolm Brown – Member - Absent

Ms. Freda Jackson – Board Member – Recording minutes in the absence of Mrs. Sharon-Boothe-Smith

**IV. Welcome Visitors**

Ms. Chapel welcomed visitors

Mr. Chet Beaty

Mr. Kevin McWilliams – McWilliams Funeral Home

Mr. Scott Duncan – Hotline Press

Ms. Veronica Cooper

**V. Minutes from previous Chamber Meeting:**

Minutes were read by the Board, corrections to the Roll call and Member Attendance to include: Mr. Israel Carberry being present and Mrs. Adrian Brown present via phone.

**Motion to approve April 11, 2022 minutes with corrections**

**Motion made by Ms. Samantha Glover**

**Seconded by Ms. Freda Jackson**

**Motion carried**

**VI. Board's Financial Report and Approval for paying outstanding bills:**

**Financial Report was read by Ms. Samantha Glover**

Prosperity Bank: \$887.50

Wells Fargo: \$250.45

Total Assets: \$1137.95

**Total Bills to be paid: \$652.91**

**Remaining balance: \$485.04**

**Monthly and outstanding bills to be paid:**

Mortgage: \$78.10

Utility: \$102.42

Bank Fees: \$10.00

Professional Service: \$49.95

Insurance: \$81.11

Lawn Service: \$75.00

Sharon Boothe-Smith - \$60.00 for Networking Breakfast at Full Plate and

- \$196.33 outstanding AT&T Bill.

**Motion to approve Financial Report and to pay monthly and outstanding bills**

**Motion made by Ms. Freda Jackson**

**Seconded by Ms. Samantha Glover**

**Motion carried**

**VII. *Membership Report/Recognize New Chamber members and Chamber Renewals:***

Ms. Samantha Glover read the New Member Report which includes the following:

Newcomb Furniture	Hotline Press
Denise Maddock	Sylvia Cedillo
Raul Villarreal	Cedar Bay
290 Sports Bar & Grill	Edward Jones
McWilliams Funeral Home	Dominoes
Smith Realtor	

**Motion made by Ms. Freda Jackson to accept New Membership Report**

**Seconded by Ms. Samantha Glover**

**Motion carried**

**VIII. *Old Business:***

***Market Days – Need to reschedule***

***Breakfast Networking Days*** - discussion requesting suggestions for places to include for June.

***Fundraisers*** – discussion on regarding fundraising ideas.

***Committees*** – discussion on forming Committees.

***Other*** – discussion to provide scholarships

**IX. *New Business:***

**Request by the Civic Commerce would like to use the Float to attend the parade in Luling, TX.**

**After discussion with the board and members present, the request was denied for usage of the float at the Thump Parade in Luling, TX.**

**Motion was made deny usage for Luling, TX by Samantha Glover**

**Seconded by Sharon Boothe-Smith**

**Motion Denied.**

***2022 Watermelon Festival***

**Involvement** How will the Chamber benefit for their involvement in the Watermelon Festival

**Usage of Queen's Float**

Discussion for use of the Float for the Watermelon Festival in Hempstead, Tx with stipulations: **(no changing the name on the float or adding any words to the name on the float). The Civic Commerce will provide proof Insurance with the Hempstead Chamber of Commerce listed as Lein Holder of the policy, in addition provide release of liability for the use of property.**

**Motion for use of Float (with stipulations) by the Civic Commerce was made by** Samantha Glover

**Seconded by** Sharon Boothe-Smith

**Usage of Property**

Discussion for use of the property:

A suggestion to charge a fee of \$500.00 per day to use the property for the Watermelon Festival was discussed.

**Motion to charge a fee of \$500.00 per day plus utilities cost was made by** Ms. Samantha Glover

**Seconded by** Mrs. Sharon Boothe-Smith

**Motion carried**

**Mission Statement**

Discussion to create a mission statement for the chambers:

**Members would share their thoughts on a mission statement with the board via email.**

**Mission statement committee- volunteers will meet June 27<sup>th</sup> to finalize the mission statement.**

**Other**

**A motion made by** Kevin Williams for the Hempstead Chamber of Commerce to visit Businesses

**Seconded by** Scott Duncan

**Motion Carried**

**Additional Discussions to Focus on Hempstead Chamber of Commerce's Involvement in the Community**

- What can the Hempstead Chamber of Commerce promote your Business
- Coordinate with Law Enforcement – Anti-Drug Programs
- Selecting a Business of the month and advertising in local paper
- Meet Hempstead Chamber of Commerce Board and Members
- Coordinate with National Chamber of Commerce for workshop

**X. Discussion of new and upcoming community events (open to the public):**

President Chapel distributed a flyer with upcoming events.

**XI. Adjourn**

**Motion made by** Mrs. Sharon Boothe-Smith to adjourn meeting at 8:46pm

**Seconded by** Ms. Freda Jackson