



**HINCKLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

**NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023
11:30 AM AT HINCKLEY ADMINISTRATION BLDG.
SPOTLIGHTING MEMBER CHAD CARR, HINCKLEY PREPARATORY
ACADEMY**

1. Call to Order, Member Intro: 11:36 - Melinda Mallari, President

Melissa Augustine	Trustee
Jim Bialosky	Individual
Herb Brunkholz	HGS Living Magazine
Cindy Cole	Valleaire Golf/Event
Cynthia Engleman	Individual
Erik Fredmonsky	Coldwell Banker Schmidt
Victoria Getz	Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Tristan Griffin	Farming with Friends
Natasha Kalas	Individual
Denise Klag	Cleveland Home Title (Treasurer)
Heather Liccardi	Hinckley Women's Club (Secretary, Greeter, Scholarship)
Eric Lucius	Highland Library (Donations Chair)
Melinda Mallari	Professional Market Service (President)
Nancy Mandilakis	Individual
Christina McVey	Keller Williams
Davis Manley	Hinckley Historical Society
Amanda Pfahl	State Farm Insurance
Davis Schweyer	Baypointe Technology
Mark Staron	S&S Heating, Cooling, Sheet Metal (Vice President)
Trish Strazar	Southwest General (Scholarship)
Christina Vomero	Energies n Sync

2. Treasurer Report - Denise Klag

\$25626.54 balance, Tax work done to retain 501c3 Status

Dues can be renewed at a discount before the end of the year:

Discounted prices are listed first (HCC, Box 354, Hinckley, OH 44233)

Individual: \$10 - \$25

Non Profit: \$ 25 - \$50

Business: \$ 75 - \$125

3. Committee Reports:

A. Greeters - Heather Liccardi: Last 2 deliveries of the year will deliver to 20 households of new neighbors. October/November

B. Donations: Eric Lucius: HCC voted to donate \$1000 to Farming with Friends: Motion by Amanda Pfahl, Second by Vickie Getz

C. Scholarship: Vicki Tiff: Melinda reported that 2 \$1000 scholarships will be available in 2024. Scholarships are available to Hinckley residents hoping to advance their education. Applicants may use the scholarship money for any post high school training - not just college. Applicants may be not only recent high school graduates, but any graduate seeking training. We already have 2 applicants.

D. Membership: No Report

4. Spotighting Our Members: Tristan Griffin - Farming with Friends

We've all noticed the farm being created near Hinckley Center just west of Hinckley Prep Academy. Tristan, his family, and partners are developing a new concept. There is only 1 Farming with Friends - so far. The farm works through donations.

Mission:

- a) Regenerative farming (no chemicals)
- b) Employment of people with disabilities
- c) Engage the community

For more information, see tristan@farmingwithfriends.org

5. Old Business:

a. Hinckley Trick-or-Treat, October 28 - Town Center 4-6PM

Reports for members who were there: Several hundred happy people, great costumes, especially adults, Orderly, fun. Next year: improve traffic flow: add a crossing between Hoppy Dudes and Fosters, ask police to slow car traffic by putting flashing police lights at Town Ctr., keep trick-or-treat booths off the sidewalk. Hinckley Prep open house from 5-7PM was an effective blend of local services

b. Hinckley Holiday Lighting: Dec. 2, 2023 5-7PM

- 1) People/Groups buy trees for \$150 donation. People decorate (LED lights only). Trees are lit. Trees are judged. Winner splits the pot with Chamber. Trees are from Raley's Tree Farm
- 2) Members in attendance helped Heather develop judging criteria
Hinckley Chamber Volunteers will judge trees after the lighting
- 3) Trustees have asked for no religious themes
- 4) Mark has arranged for Entertainment in Fire Bay from Hinckley Prep, Hinckley Elementary (Mr. McClintock), Added Attractions (Mr. Ilg at Highland High School)
- 5) Denise Klag will handle the background music inside the Fire Bay
- 6) Mark needs help in the following areas: If you can help, contact Mark
 - a) Dec 3, 4 - String lights in Town Square
 - b) Nov 29 - Put finishing touches on lighting venue
- 7) Melinda looks for help with kids activities. See her if you can help
Melinda also looks for donations to help buy Santa gifts
- 8) Santa will be Trish Strazar's husband

6. New Business:

- a. HCC Golf Outing May 17 at Valleaire: Cindy Cole and Mark S.
Denise will reach out to Bob Gillingham and other possible donators to advertise at the golf outing by sponsoring holes, drinks, etc.
- b. Melinda: Start thinking about Buzzard Day, March 24, 2023
- c. David Manley announced the Hinckley Bicentennial Celebration is to be July 19, 2025

7. Adjourn: 11:37 Motion by Melinda M. Second by Denise K.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Liccardi
Secretary, Hinckley Chamber of Commerce