

2022-23

ANNUAL REPORT

THE CHAMBER

The Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce

Mission statement: "To represent local employers in supporting vibrant, sustainable communities in Columbia and Montour counties."

The Support of 5 Chamber Focus Areas



www.ColumbiaMontourChamber.com

Financial Information

BALANCE SHEET

	12/31/22*	12/31/21
Assets		
Cash & Equivalents	\$378,218	\$505,201
Property & Equipment	\$397,932+	\$274,931
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$196,156)	(\$190,516)
Loan Receivables	\$51,549	\$65,059
Allowance for Uncollected	<u>(\$1,000.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,000.00)</u>
Total Assets	\$630,543	\$653,675
Liabilities & Equity		
Current Liabilities	\$49,256	\$46,974
Retained Earnings	\$551,801	\$503,393
Current Income	<u>\$29,486</u>	<u>\$103,308</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$630,543	\$653,675

* December is the end of the third quarter of the Chamber's fiscal year.

+ The first of two payments for the Chamber's new office space was made in November.

Program Highlights

Advocacy

- Adopted a resolution opposing PennDOT's interstate bridge tolling plan in support of legal challenges, which were successful
- Members discussed issues with state legislators, the PA Chamber of Business & Industry, and Congressman Dan Meuser.
- Advocated for the responsible and timely development of language to allow for solar generation facilities in several municipalities
- Opposed changes to Bloomsburg's noise ordinance for being overreaching and not scientifically based
- Supported a change of zoning request on a parcel in Danville to allow for the development of a behavioral health facility
- Discussed local business issues with new State Representatives Lynda Schlegel Culver and Robert Leadbeter
- Adopted and distributed a Code of Conduct to encourage greater collaboration among elected and other officials and increase public engagement in the decision-making process

Benefits Program

- Conducted benchmarking visits with two other chambers in the region to explore additional member programs and benefits

- Streamlined E-Biz Weekly to provide more information and visibility to members, which is reinforced on social media
- Held a Candidate Forum for the PA House 109th District primary
- The Chamber's business insurance program with Penn National Insurance provided a 5% dividend to participating members.
- Hosted a seminar on employee engagement and retention
- Celebrated 15 Ribbon Cuttings
- 4,000 copies of the Membership Directory were distributed throughout the two counties
- The Chamber's program with World Kinect Energy Services saved members on their electricity and natural gas costs.
- Provided a low-interest loan to support a business transition
- My Benefit Advisor helped members provide health insurance/healthcare benefits for their employees.

Business Connections

- Nearly 300 members made connections at Business After Hours
- Eighteen non-profit organizations discussed their programs with members and the public at the Mixer with Non-profits
- Twenty-seven teams participated in the Golf Outing
- The Holiday Open House was attended by nearly 300 people and 11 members showcased their products and services.
- Became a co-sponsor of 1 Million Cups - Susquehanna Valley to connect with area entrepreneurs

Employee Development

- Eighty-three people heard from inspiring women and discussed leadership concepts while making connections at Leadercast Women. The One Thing...Continued series helps employees build upon those leadership concepts.
- Thirty-three employees completed the Management & Leadership Certificate Program with Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg.
- The Chamber and its Foundation partnered with The Gate House to help their clients build their employability skills and connect them with member employers.

Strengthening Our Communities

- Support the efforts of Berwick: The Next Step, Danville Business

Alliance, and Downtown Bloomsburg Inc. to enhance our downtowns

- Downtown Bloomsburg Inc.'s Renaissance Jamboree and holiday train rides returned after 2-year interruptions due to COVID
- The Montour County Task Force discussed and recommended positions on solar development, zoning for a behavioral health facility, and a regional community college concept.
- Partnering w/ Community Strategies Group, Susquehanna Valley United Way, and Columbia County Housing & Redevelopment Authorities on a collaborative office and community building to be completed mid-2023

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