

Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting February 21st, 2019

Attendance: Gary Olsvik, Steve Clayton, Jane Bezanson, Kirk Lycett, Anne Crossman, Caroline Perrima, Jennifer D'Aubin, Anne Crossman, Mike Taylor, Marilyn and Donnie Kaulbach

Regrets: John Burris, Dan Harvey, Darrin Coburn

Jennifer opened the meeting with welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming. And reviewed list of committee.

Gary stated that Darren Coburn would not be able to attend morning meetings.

Steve motioned that Donnie Kaulbach be a director, Anne 2nd M/C

Gary motioned Mike Taylor be a director, Anne 2nd M/C

Carolyn nominated Angie Myers as a director and will see if she will accept nomination.

Jane read minutes from last meeting.

Old Business

Communication between Chamber and County – want to have two way communications for anything that is going on in surrounding area that may affect the Town so we can be supportive and proactive.

- Jen will contact Timothy Hybinsky about this and set up follow up meeting.

Anne Crossman – Ernest Buckler event will be held June 29th at Temple on Queen.

- James house still needs help. Kathy Howland has resigned from board and Mark Robertson is standing in as Chair.
- Jennifer suggested that after they get their board set up and has a path forward than they could say what they need help with than they would get people to help out.

Reports

Ciderfest – Dates – September 12th – September 15th. Changed the dates to hopefully get more support from the school. Dianne is going to take over the pie contest. Eliminating car rally on Sunday. Looking at making Friday night a kid free area with Saturday being focused on kids and family events. Having meetings monthly.

Finance

Have a book balance of \$1,523.08.

Have a few outstanding bills from Ciderfest and Moonlight Madness.

Had a loss of \$2,200 for Ciderfest mostly due to t-shirts bought to sell and did not have good sales. They do not have a date on them so could still sell them or use them as prizes for promotions.

Gary brought up that liability insurance is soon due and do we want to keep it up. Pros and cons were discussed.

Jane motioned that we keep the insurance, Anne 2nd, M/C

Request for Funding – Nancy Price and Carolyn will be making a presentation to the County on March 12th, to have funds made available to upgrade the parking area by the Old Town Hall building.

They also made a request of \$800 from the Chamber to have the sign that is in storage finished and mounted.

Gary made the motion that the \$800 be pledged based on the agreement that the County comes up with the money to do the parking lot, paving and underground wiring. This would show support for the project. Kirk 2nd, M/C.

RCMP Meeting

Anne asked if the chamber still wanted the meeting to take place and we all agreed yes. Anne will set up with Sharon Elliot for after March break, it will be a 7:00pm meeting.

Meeting will be advertised in the Reader and face book.

Pharmasave

Kirk gave an overview of what has been taking place. His contract runs out April 1st

He asked if other businesses have noticed a decline in business from Mountain Lea over the last two years.

If Kirk needs support from Chamber he will contact Jennifer and she can call an Executive meeting.

Jazey Building – Mike Taylor was wondering if anyone has looked into the County buying the building and lot to have made into parking area. With the new private school coming we need to have parking or we will lose business.

Funding – Gary asked if anyone has found out that the 5 year agreement is done will the County still be giving the funds they have been giving for such things as Ciderfest, VIC or if we will have to apply for the funds.

Monthly meetings – a brief discussion was held and it appears that we get a better attendance from members in the morning so all following meetings will be held 8am on every 3rd Thursday of the month.

9:47 am Jennifer closed the meeting.

Next Meeting March 21st, 2019 8:00 am at Temple on Queen