

JAMESTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Bob Horne at 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Bob Horne, Mark Swistak, Kim Gregorzek, John McCauley, Sonya Morton-Ranney, Ben Thomas, Rusty Sallee, Cathleen Studley

ABSENT: Maria Flood, Marilyn Munger, Kristine Trocki

The minutes of December 5, 2013 meeting sent via email accepted

Treasurer's report – A preliminary Profit and Loss for 2013 was presented by John McCauley, subject to review and the receipt of the December bank statement.

General account balance as of 1/2/14 \$19,626.93

Chamber Check account balance as of 1/2/2014 \$5,952.09.

Executive Director, John McCauley, reported the following:

Website – John will be meeting with Todd Hampson at a date to be determined, and would like some Board members to meet along with him.

2014 Annual billings - \$9000+ received so far, which represents about 2/3 of member renewals.

RI SBA Small Business Person of the Year Nominee Bill Munger – the package was submitted and is available for review by Board Members if desired.

Old & New Business/Committee Reports:

Nominating – Board voted Petra Laurie (Island Realty) new Board member to replace Linda Faria. John McCauley will contact her, and also thank Jeff Bush (Custom Cedar Works) for his interest, and indicate we will keep him in mind for a future Board opening.

Traffic Committee – John McCauley will send around an email blast to members asking for interest in volunteering on this Committee.

Events:

December Holiday Events:

12/7&8 Tree Lighting, Holiday Stroll went well, along with Chamber Check Discount weekend, although Chamber Check sales down a bit.

12/12 Chamber Holiday party at Plantation at the Bay was considered great, 85 attended. The price may need to be raised next year to cover all expenses involved.

12/15 Teddy Bear Tea Plantation at the Bay – about 25 attended, and all had a good time.

12/21 Polar Express movie – a success. 35-40 kids attended. Sonya as Secretary will do thank you letter to the Press thanking those who donated/helped.

Upcoming:

January 14 – SBA Seminar at the Library, 4:00 p.m. Set up by John McCauley.

Breakfast Series:

January 28 – Open forum for Chamber Members to discuss Chamber.

February – Either Evan Smith or Chief of Police to present. Date to be set.

March – Evan Smith or Chief of Police. Date to be set.

March Annual Meeting – to be determined.

Membership:

New members are Susan Froberg Graphic Design, Custom Cedar Works/Jeff Bush ad Susan Hackman, CPA.

A membership campaign is still being discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

Next Meeting - Thursday, February 6, 2014 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Morton-Ranney
Secretary