

JAMESTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Bob Horne at 5:33 pm.

PRESENT: Bob Horne, Maria Flood, Kim Gregorzek, Sonya Morton-Ranney, Marilyn Munger, Rusty Sallee, Cathleen Studley, Mark Swistak, Ben Thomas, Kristine Trocki

ABSENT: Petra Laurie, Executive Director John McCauley

The minutes of February 6, 2014 meeting sent via email were accepted.

Treasurer's report – Cathleen Studley reported \$18,399.91 in the General account, and \$5,297.09 in the Chamber Check account.

Executive Director – John McCauley on vacation, and Bob Horne had connected via email. John reported that he and Todd Hampson have been working on the Chamber web site re-do. Decisions re final details will be up to the new Chamber Board. There are problems with the calendar, but being worked on.

Old & New Business/Committee Reports:

Nominating – Voted to invite Jeff Bush (Custom Cedar Works) to replace retiring member Bob Horne on the Board, noting that he had expressed earliest interest in a Board position. Peggy Kopelcheck (Latitude Custom Apparel) will be thanked for her letter of application. Patti Watson (Taste) has indicated interest in assisting with specific tasks.

Board confirmation for additional 3 year terms: Petra Laurie, Kim Gregorzek and Kristine Trocki.

Officers for 2014-15 – Cathleen Studley and Sonya Morton-Ranney are willing to continue in their respective positions of Treasure and Secretary.

Events:

Recap – Feb. Breakfast – 26 attended, good presentation and well received. There was further discussion re the food tax item that speaker Evan Smith had outlined.

Upcoming:

Tues. March 25th Breakfast – Ed Mello, Chief of Police will speak.

Wed. March 26th Annual Meeting – Plantation at the Bay has confirmed hosting. \$1200 has been budgeted for appetizers, cash bar, no guest entertainment.

Welcome Event for new Town Administrator Andrew Nota – Board will host. Date to be determined.

Night At... -

Date is Sat. Aug. 16, 2014, possible locations were discussed. Agreement that it is time for a change re location, food, music (band) in order to keep interest and attendance. After discussion re the beneficiary of the event, Conanicut Island Art Association was chosen and voted on.

Membership:

New Member: PAC dba Jamestown Grill

There is continued consideration of a membership campaign, but consensus was that this is not the appropriate time of year.

Other:

April After Hours: Donna Wood (Jamestown Grill) and Sonya (Home based Businesses) will cohost the April Business After Hours, date to be finalized.

May Business After Hours – Jamestown Outdoors will host.

June After Hours – tentative block party at East Ferry .

A possible member only Ferry cruise is being considered, and also a possible Bingo night.

It was noted that this was Bob Horne's last Board meeting, and thanks were expressed for his dedication and hard work, along with a round of applause.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Next Meeting - Thursday, April 3, 2014 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Morton-Ranney
Secretary