

JAMESTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2014

Executive Director John McCauly started off the meeting at 5:33 pm by introducing the slate of officers for the next year: President Rusty Sallee, 1st Vice President Marilyn Munger, and 2nd Vice President, Maria Flood were vote on and confirmed. Treasurer Cathleen Studley and Secretary Sonya Morton-Ranney had previously been approved when they had taken over their respective offices earlier in the year.

New President Rusty Sallee then called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Jeff Bush, Kim Gregorzek, Sonya Morton-Ranney, John McCauley, Marilyn Munger, Rusty Sallee, Cathleen Studley, Mark Swistak, Ben Thomas, and Kristine Trocki. There were also 2 members from Spinnakers attending to observe.

ABSENT: Petra Laurie, Maria Flood

The minutes of the March 3-6-14 meeting sent via email were accepted.

Treasurer's report – Cathleen Studley reported \$16,629.07 in the General account, and \$5,151.29 in the Chamber Check account. She and John McCauley are putting the 2014 budget together and it will be presented at the May meeting. There was discussion re the Chamber getting a percentage of the meal and John and Rusty will follow up on that with the Town.

Executive Director – John McCauley reported that the functioning of the website software continues to be a concern, and that he will set up a new committee to work with Todd Hampson on finding a solution. Chamber membership renewals have gone well, and Kim will check with Latitude, Mark with Angell St. Dental, Cathleen with Environmental Packaging and Ben with Wickford Chiropractor re delinquent dues.

Old & New Business/Committee Reports:

Events:

Recap – March Breakfast – Good attendance and Ed Mellos's talk was well received.

Upcoming:

April Business After Hours: at the PAC, hosted by the Jamestown Freelance Collaborative (home based businesses) and the PAC/Jamestown Grille Thurs April 24th, 5:30.

May Business After Hours: Ben will check with Jamestown Outdoors who had previously indicated interest. Either May 15 or 22nd.

May 1 Welcome Event for new Town Administrator Andrew Nota – Mark will check re hosting by the Narragansett Cafe and Kristine will check with Andy Nota on the date.

Discussion was held re a Jamestown Ferry excursion in May and it was decided it would be better done in September when there would be access to a bigger boat.

June Business After Hours – Possible Ferry Wharf block party

July – Kristine will check out a possible location for the summer cook out, which would be the third Thursday (17th)

Night At... -

Date is Sat. Aug. 16, 2014, it was voted to continue the location at Fort Getty. John presented a prospective budget for the event. After discussion, it was decided that Marilyn and John will form a sub committee to plan further details of the evening. Catering needs to be decided on. Brass Attack has been booked as the band.

Membership:

New Member: Facilitator First, Donna Dodge

John McCauley went over the Action plan that was developed after the January breakfast, and John will have this posted on the website. Ben will look into setting up an interface with our facebook account, and Rusty will follow up on possible involvement in the May boat show.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Next Meeting - Thursday, May 1, 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Morton-Ranney
Secretary