

JAMESTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2014

President Rusty Sallee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m..

PRESENT: Board Members Maria Flood, Kim Gregorzek, Petra Laurie, Sonya Morton-Ranney, John McCauley, Marilyn Munger, Rusty Sallee, Cathleen Studley, Mark Swistak, Ben Thomas, and Kristine Trocki. Chamber member Cherise from Spinnakers also in attendance.

ABSENT: Jeff Bush

The minutes of the April 3, 2014 meeting previously sent via email were accepted.

Treasurer's report – The 2014 Budget previously emailed was outlined by Cathleen with line items explained, and then voted on and approved. The 2013 Tax Return prepared by Chamber member Susan Hackman, also previously emailed, was approved.

Executive Director – John McCauley reported that there were still a few delinquent renewals, and he will follow up with them one more time. Regarding the Town plastic bag use matter, the Chamber will continue to support a voluntary ban, as was decided last year. John put forward a proposal by the Jamestown Press that they will prepare a Jamestown map with ads sold by the Chamber, from which the Chamber will receive partial proceeds.. Voted and approved to support this map. John reported on his meeting with new Town Administrator Andy Notta, and confirmed that the Chamber will be receiving money from the Town from the meal tax. And new this year, the Chamber will have a float in the Memorial Day Parade that John will be coordinating.

Old & New Business/Committee Reports:

Events:

Recap – April Business After Hours – Good attendance and nice publicity for the PAC/Jamestown Bar and Grille, and the Jamestown Freelance Collaborative (home based businesses).

Upcoming:

Meet and Greet the New Town Administrator at The Narragansett, Thursday May 1, following the Chamber Board meeting.

May Business After Hours: Confirmed with Jamestown Outdoors for May 22nd.

May 24 – Community picnic at Fort Getty. John and Petra are coordinating Chamber participation.

June Business After Hours – Possible Ferry Wharf block party June 19. Ben working on.

July 17 – Kristine will check out a possible location for the summer cook out.

September – possible Jamestown Ferry cruise

Fall – Seminar series coordinated by John and Jeff

Night At... -

Date is Sat. Aug. 16, 2014, theme is “Jamestown Hustle”. A sub committee has been formed and met April 17, with agenda, auction, food bids being discussed. Another meeting is being planned, and will be advertised to all Chamber members. There will be a Chamber Member challenge for the highest auction item donated. Fort Getty as the venue and Brass Attack as the band are set.

Membership:

New Members: Atlantic Landscaping and Jamestown Bar and Grille.

Home Based members – a possible reduction in fee for membership for the non-storefront businesses will be discussed by the new 2014 committees.

Rusty will be setting the 2014 Chamber Board Committees, with Board members being given an opportunity first to volunteer for the committee of their choice.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM

Next Meeting - Thursday, June 5, 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Morton-Ranney
Secretary