

JAMESTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 3, 2014

President Rusty Sallee called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m..

PRESENT: Executive Director John McCauley, and Board Members, Maria Flood, Kim Gregorzek, Sonya Morton-Ranney, Marilyn Munger, Rusty Sallee, Cathleen Studley, Mark Swistak, Ben Thomas, and Kristine Trocki.

ABSENT: Jeff Bush, Petra Laurie, Cathleen Studley

The minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting previously sent via email were accepted.

Treasurer's report – The Treasurer's report previously emailed was approved.

Executive Director – John McCauley reported that the new Jamestown maps are in and the Chamber will earn \$1700 on ads. Seaview Med and Jesse Dutra Photography have renewed their 2014 Chamber membership, which has meant only 3 non renewals this year. The Chamber Annual Report to the RI Secretary of State is being worked on, and the Chamber will be reinstated following on mailing address issues which affected filing.

Old & New Business/Committee Reports:

Finance: John reported on the Chamber check liability, and indicated that there is unknown liability for previous years, and checks are not being redeemed the year they are sold. We will address funding that account to cover unredeemed checks after “Night At”.

Government: Rusty is the rep to Discover Newport Board meetings, and reported that the Volvo race is upcoming which may bring spectators, and also that Discover Newport has a website where items can be posted for free. Rusty also attended the Jamestown Planning Meeting re buildings of value, and he would like to be part of any additional discussion and meetings.

Marketing: John reported on possibilities for the use of the Town \$4,000 from the 2013-14 budget, and had proposals from SO RI and information re spot ads in RI Monthly, Yankee Magazine and RI Edible. A motion was approved to reach out to SO RI re ad rates and to obtain advertisers by an email blast with a goal to be involved in the August So RI edition. As well, logos and a possible future summer kiosk and map stand were discussed.

Events:

Recap- June 19 Business After Hours – Ferry Wharf block party went well.

“Night At: - John handed out Board tickets and posters. Marilyn reported on the June meeting and said we need live auction items. Silent Auction items will come in. Following on discussion, a motion was made to book appropriate Porta potties for the event.

Upcoming:

July 17 – Summer cook out – Maria and Mark will be grill masters. Kristine will be at the check in desk. Rusty will coordinate food and refreshments.

September – Jamestown Ferry cruise

Fall – Seminar series coordinated by John and Jeff

Membership:

New Members: Several new people have Chamber membership applications and Sonya will follow up with them. At this point in the year membership is half price. A membership meeting is being planned. The Jamestown Freelance Collaborative “Home Based” businesses had a good meeting June 13 which John attended.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Next Meeting - Thursday, August 7th, 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Morton-Ranney
Secretary