

JAMESTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Oct. 2, 2014

President Rusty Sallee called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m..

PRESENT: Executive Director John McCauley, and Board Members, Jeff Bush, Maria Flood, Sonya Morton-Ranney, Marilyn Munger, Rusty Sallee, Mark Swistak and Ben Thomas.

ABSENT: Kim Gregorzek, Petra Laurie, Kristine Trocki, and Cathleen Studley.

The minutes of the September 4th meeting previously sent via email were accepted.

Treasurer's report – The Treasurer's report previously emailed was approved. Currently \$14,551.95 in the General account and \$5,662.09 in the Chamber Check account.

Executive Director – John McCauley reported that he had billed the Town for the Ad money due, and that money for the SORI ads was coming in as well as money for the recent Map ads from Chamber members. The Fair Trade store is a new member. There will be an upcoming meeting between any interested Chamber Board member and the Town Administrator.

Old & New Business/Committee Reports:

A motion was voted on and approved to change the Registered Agent for the Chamber of Commerce from Peter Brockmann to John McCauley with the RI Secretary of State.

Government: Rusty suggested that the Chamber should discuss a position re the Buildings of Value and a sub committee will be formed to monitor and follow development. Also the procedure for getting a share of the beverage food tax should be reviewed so that it can be obtained directly.

Marketing: John announced an Oct 8 Marketing Committee meeting to discuss December Holiday advertising, a logo, and the upcoming Business Seminar in November.

Events:

Recap- Ferry Cruise was wonderful, with good weather and close to 40 people.

Upcoming:

October 9th – Business After Hours at Lila Delman 5 – 7.

November – Possible Business After Hours at Cathryn Jamison.

November – Seminar outline was previously emailed, and details are being finalized.

Dec 4 - Christmas Party at Plantation at the Bay has been booked. Our Chamber Board meeting will be held prior to the party. The menu needs to be chosen.

Dec. 5, 6 & 7 – Holiday Events. Saturday Santa arrival and Tree lighting, Chamber Check discount weekend and Downtown Stroll.

Dec. ? - Teddy Bear Tea – at Plantation. Charlie Petit is working on.

Dec. 18 – joint BAH with South RI Chamber at new brewery in Wakefield.

Winter 2015 Breakfast series – coordinator needed, and Jan, Feb and March need to be planned. Follow up discussion of Chamber goals from last year possibly at the Jan date.

Membership:

The annual membership billing and President's annual report will be sent the end of October.

A Membership meeting will be held before the next Chamber Board meeting..

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Next Meeting - Thursday, November 6th, 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Morton-Ranney
Secretary