

THE WESTPORT AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

July 19, 2016

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Sandra Billieu, Dana Witkemper, Teresa Watkins, Greg Watkins, Teri McGrath and Bonnie Hahn

ABSENT: Diana Wildman, Mike Gasper, Terry Green and Lizette Bell,

MEMBERS & GUESTS: Bryan Gatewood, Steve Hodgson, Jenn Hodgson, Ruth Diekhoff, Linda Mozingo and Joyce Brindley

The meeting was called to order by Sandi Billieu, Vice President. With Quorum present

Bonnie Hahn, read the minutes from the Meeting on June 21, 2016. Joyce Brindley made a motion to accept the report as read and Teri McGrath seconded. Minutes approved as read.

Teresa Watkins presented the Treasurer's report including current balance and accounts receivable. Bonnie Hahn moved to accept the report, Dana Witkemper seconded. Report approved as read.

Membership report – Terry has called asked about Kick Stand Saloon being under County Line Cycle sales shop membership.

Joyce reported – Cross Creek maybe looking for a larger place

Someone is looking into the gas station for Auto repair

Someone is looking for a building for an antique store

Need a small appliance store and a laundry mat in Westport

Public Relations: Sandi Billieu:

Hospital will attend next meeting for the Health Fair info

Need to send info to all business to attend but not allowed to sale anything.

Crier went to publisher will be at post office July 29th – per votes Sandi will collect bids from other vendors and report them to officers for a vote - We also need to check the area we are covering with the crier. How to choice a business to highlight in the crier?

Circus update – Diana Wildman is in process of filing a complaint against Culpeper's Merriweather Circus from Oklahoma.

New Business: Mike Gasper is putting a list together of all available business buildings in Westport and to have them ready when people call for this information. A suggestion was to have this info available on our website.

How the business association can help the business in Westport area?

- Encourage people to shop locally – Shop locally ourselves
- Alert business of areas of improvement as we hear them

Do a Ribbon Cutting - Welcome packet for all new business

- Give date choices for Ribbon cutting
- Have them attend a meeting Lunch on us
- Maybe send flowers or gift to opening day

Joyce Brindley made a motion to do Ribbon Cutting for last two business and start doing them forward to all new or management changed business. Steve Hodgson 2nd the motion passed – Sandi will have Mike contact Denise Downtown Restaurant and Kickstand saloon. (Steve Hodgson Purchased Scissors for us)

We need to welcome all business to the meetings.

Donation to not for profit is acceptable as long as we are helping the Westport area and all donations and expense are to be voted and passed by board members. Joyce Brindley made a motion and Teri McGrath 2nd Motion passed

We need to focus on the business not just our four events a year and the town crier. We are not growing because we are not reaching out to local business.

Highlight Business on Face Book & Web site – Sandi, to get address of all members to Bonnie and then send out request for the Facebook and Website info, from all business association members, to share on our Facebook and Website. Joyce Brindley made a motion and Steve Hodgson 2nd Motion passed

Joyce Mentioned:

Farmers Market Every Tue 3P-7P at park shelter house

Main Street Westport was admitted into Main Street Indiana – there will be a celebration

Next meeting discussion:

Need to have a New Business Committee assign to three or four people to help Mike Gasper will vote on members next meeting.

Upcoming Events: Health & Business Expo.

Next Meeting August 16, 2016

Dairy Queen Fund Raiser Night – Sept 12 to benefit the Santa Village

Teri McGrath made a motion to adjourn and Joyce Brindley seconded. Motion carried.

Signed: Bonnie Hahn