

THE WESTPORT AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

February 19, 2019 MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Cassie Sander, Bonnie Hahn, Bryan Gatewood, Mark Koors, Mike Gasper, Sandra Billieu, Jackie Elliott,

ABSENT Board member: Greg Watkins & Diana Wildman, Terri McGrath

MEMBERS & GUESTS: Steve Billieu, Sarah Fry, Steve Hodgson, Jen Hodgson, Linda Mazingo, Mike Bartlett, Becky Tichenor, Jennifer Macintosh,

The meeting was called to order by Cassie Sander, President. There were enough board members for quorum.

Bryan read the minutes from the Meeting from January 15, 2019. Sandi moved to accept and Bonnie seconded. Minutes approved as read.

Bonnie presented the Treasurer's report including the current balance and accounts receivable. SteveH moved to accept and MikeG seconded. Treasurers report approved as read.

Membership Committee Report: Mark Koors – Sandi gave Mark an updated members list. Bonnie will send Mark the email addresses for the members that she has.

Public Relations Committee Report – Sandi Billieu report: Ron Oliver is back with WBA. He hauls bulk water in this area. Phone call from Glen McCullough. He has apartments in town and wants to join. Membership list has been checked and corrected and sent to SteveH for posting on web page.

Youth to Yellowstone would like to meet with WBA next month. Sandi shared the Y2Y financial statement.

Dennis Fogle is still working with Hospital to get pediatric care (under age 14) at the Westport Clinic.

New Business Committee Report – Mike Gasper: Old Pride Supermarket building has been sold and will be converted to an "event venue". The owners of Pop's Diner has purchased it. The Car Wash is still being worked.

Old Business

- Update from Napoleon State Bank. Ribbon Cutting at 7:45AM March 25th (Monday). Drive-thru will open at 8:00. There will be celebrating all that week at the Westport Branch. Sandi would like an updated ad by 3/10 with hours listed in the new Ad.
- Motion to cover the expenses presented for Covered Bridge Lights at \$275.50. Bryan will bring receipts in next month. Mark Koors reported that the bridge will be getting some re-hab hopefully prior to CB festival and would like outside outline lights taken down prior.

New Business

- Cassie reached-out to SDHS about interacting more with the school and helping kids with resume' writing, interview skills, life skills. Next Tuesday and Wednesday mornings the Seniors will not be taking ISTEP. 8:30-9:00 and 9:05-9:35. Carrie Hess is guidance counsellor that Cassie is working with.
- Long discussion around how best to promote our town now and in the future. Sandi pointed out that one of the biggest things is to continue to improve health care. We also need to encourage our youth in every way possible.

Upcoming Events:

Rabies Clinic at downtown gazebo

- Saturday 5/11/2019 Proposed date by Dr. Hank Martin. Sandi said that Rabies vaccine is only good for 1-year. Hank needs to be reminded of April date last year and is May date outside of 1-year window....is that OK ? Hank wants pre-registration this year and prefers CASH only. Jackie volunteered the Girl Scouts to give away treat bags at the rabies clinic.

Covered Bridge Festival

- Need to contact Matt Gatewood about coming to CB Festival so need to settle on date.
- Proposal to move CB out by one week. Motion by JackieE, 2nd by SteveH. Motion passed. CB Festival this year will be June 8th. In 2020, first Saturday June 6th is SDHS graduation at NOON so we would have to move it in 2020 anyway.
- Need a gaming permit to do bingo on the bridge and also to give away Door Prizes. Once we get into the system it should be easier to renew. MikeG will send Cassie the links. IGC Indiana Gaming Commission is the website to apply.
- Jackie Elliott will be on committee to help with CB festival.

Sandi made a motion to adjourn and SteveH 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM.

Signed: Bryan Gatewood, WBA Secretary

Next Meeting March 19, 2019 at 12:00PM