

Board of Directors Board Meeting

November 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. @ Generations Center 15 Center St

Present: Beth, Kourtney, Derek, Rick, Marty, Rachel, Erik, Patti, John, Ken, Don, Ken, Brett

Excused: Wesley, Mark

Absent: Pete, Jeff

Call to Order: (8:32 a.m.)

I. Approval of Minutes:

October 26th, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Mark made a motion to approve, seconded by Rick, and approved by all.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Beth reported on the financials for October 2021: Operating Account: \$15,445.64, Events Acct: \$37,262.67, Capital Acct: \$236,449.26.

Rick made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2021, seconded by Patti and approved by all.

III. Committee Reports:

1. Christmas in the City

Small businesses participated in holding activities for families with younger kids like Gnome Scavenger hunt, Letters to Santa, and more. Parade started at 6pm. Beth was looking for volunteers, especially for the Parade. The Batavia City Centre had a Craft Show along with Caricature artist and other vendors.

IV. Director Updates:

B. Kemp reported....

Shop Small Saturday was November 27th. In terms of putting up Wifi nodes for most of the Downtown Corridor, Empire Access needs permission from owners on Jefferson Road so they can run lines and start the work. Rachel mentioned all parties involved need to coordinate better with property owners and get in writing the exact protocols on the process for clarity moving forward. Beth notes that she has resigned from Director and will be accepting a new position in marketing.

V. BID Board Member:

No update initially. However, comments were made at the end of the meeting that the Board needs younger people as some of the leaders would like to or have to retire due to bylaws. Term limits and changing the bylaws were mentioned. There may be a need for more proxy people to be on the board by people who own businesses but not their building.

VI. Director Resignation

Beth Kemp has resigned and last day will be December 10th. Rachel motioned to accept her resignation, seconded by Derek, and approved by all...

VII. Chamber of Commerce Update:

E. Fix:

Workshops via WBTA December 2nd on managing multiple generations in the workplace and December 9th. Next November (2022) is the Chambers 50th anniversary. The County applied for a grant to help Employers with less than 25 employees cover costs for outdoor dining. Up to \$50,000 in grants and can be used toward staffing, supplies, and equipment also.

VIII. City of Batavia Update:

R. Tabelski:

Summary includes remarks from Brett Frank on Batavia Development Corp. The contractors and architects that bid on the Jackson Square project are quoting very high prices. The BID chose the architect but they want to figure out why there's such high discrepancies on pricing. May need to rebid the project in February 2022 and hire a professional cost estimator. The mall is a 1 million dollar project and Batavia is moving forward with the Police Station.

IX. Adjournment:

Derek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Rachel, and approved by all.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday December 28th, 2021 @ 8:30 AM at the Generations Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Kourtney Kunichika