

Burlington Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2015

- I. Call to Order – 7:00 pm
- II. Attendance
 - a. Mike Scheidel (President), Tom Martin (Vice President), Rich Browning (Treasurer), Peter Bevivino (Member), Bruce Flax (Member), Donna Groccia-Lubik (Member), Jerry Burns (Acting Secretary)
- III. Old Business
 - a. Last year's minutes passed
 - b. Treasurers Report
 - i. Rich Browning did review of Bank Statement
 - ii. Phone Book discussed; Need ads as costs \$2,000 to mail 1 time
 - iii. \$9,181.37 in account
 - iv. Eversource only bill outstanding to be submitted to Treasurer
 - v. January and July are Dues billing cycles
 - c. 2014 Winter Carnival Report
 - i. Chamber gave donut holes and hot chocolate for participants for a total expense of \$53.67.
 - d. 2014 Children's Concert Report
 - i. Regional schools come to Lewis S. Mills HS Auditorium for a 3rd grade music concert. Approximately 1,400 people attend two concerts (9 am and 10:45 am).
 - ii. Mike supplies coffee and pastry for orchestra
 - e. 2014 Annual Dinner Report
 - i. Went up to \$40 per person
 - ii. 57 guests for dinner with 46 paid up and 2 checks outstanding
 - iii. Catered by Nuchies at the Burlington Fire Department Hall
 - iv. Discussion on alternative donation sources to help cover costs
 - f. 2014 Tavern Day Report
 - i. Report not ready at this meeting
- IV. New Business
 - a. 2015 Annual Awards Dinner (Thursday, May 21, 2015)
 - i. Will be \$40 per person; to be held at the Burlington Volunteer Center Fire Department; Catered by Nuchies again
 - ii. Discussed and voted for all 6 Awards to be handed out
 - b. 2 New Directors Needed
 - i. Peter Bevivino and Bruce Flax took open positions
 - c. Identify New President
 - i. Mike discussed need to step down after 8 years of serving as the Burlington Chamber of Commerce president
 - ii. Peter Bevivino stepped up and volunteered to be the next president

- iii. This will be ratified at the May 26, 2015 Annual Meeting
 - d. Chamber Phone Books
 - i. Much discussion on the pros and cons of doing this project as it is labor intensive and costly
 - ii. Mike feels we need as did others; Some feel the new digital age is making this obsolete
 - iii. If we do, advertising is critical and discussion of raising fees by 50% since this book hits every household
 - e. New Chamber Sign
 - i. Mike got a first quote for a new LED sign where the current manual sign of \$6,800
 - ii. On hold for now
 - f. Lake Garda School Read Aloud Program Donation
 - i. Mike explained this program and how Chamber members have volunteered for many years
 - ii. Would like to make a donation on behalf of the Chamber to purchase new books
 - iii. Mike motioned for \$500 for this cause, Jerry B. 2nd; All in Favor
 - g. Next Meeting May 26, 2015 at 7 pm, location TBD
- V. Adjourn – 8:54 pm