



BURLINGTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Membership Meeting Minutes
Elton Tavern, Burlington CT
Thursday, November 16, 2017

- I. Call to Order – 12:04 pm
- II. Attendance
 - a. Peter Bevivino – Chair (President), Rich Browning (Treasurer), Jerry Burns (Secretary), Colleen Ververis (Director), Kerry Brash (Member), Marjorie Bowen (Member), Mike Branagan (Member), Diana Lepore (Member), Diane Rivard (Member), Janet Schwartz (NWCCC Burlington Ambassador), John Seagrave (Member)
- III. Past Minutes
 - a. October 19, 2017 reviewed; Peter B. motioned to accept as-is, Diana L. 2nd, All in Favor.
- IV. Treasurer Report
 - a. Bank balance of \$7,676.58
 - b. Received 3Q17 charge from NW CT Chamber in the amount of \$591.50 for their support to our Chamber.
 - c. Chamber sign track repair came in less than \$750.00 approved limit at \$430.00.
 - d. New Member Alliance Bail Bonds, Bristol has joined the Chamber.
 - e. 57 active members now
 - f. Peter B. motioned to accept, Marjorie B. 2nd; All in Favor
- V. Old Business
 - a. Chamber Sign Repair
 - i. Chamber sign tracks have been repaired by Write Way Signs for \$320 less than anticipated.
 - ii. Shared findings on the extraordinary cost for a LED sign, not able to do this with our current finances.
 - b. Board of Director Position
 - i. Board voted to accept Kerry Brash as our newest Board Member to replace the outgoing Mike Scheidel.
 - c. Tom Martin Fundraiser
 - i. Colleen V. and Jerry B. gave update on sponsors and raffle donations.
 - ii. Colleen V. said there is still need for meatball donations from a local restaurant still. Gift cards are good to help secure items.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Chamber Holiday Events
 - i. Burlington Holiday BAH Tuesday, December 5th at Finnegan's Tavern from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm.



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1. We have secured \$800 of sponsorships to cover the food, beer/wine/soda and any raffle items support.
 2. We will once again support the Burlington Food and Fuel Bank by asking for monetary donations.
 - ii. Diana L. mentioned that West Wind Realty is inviting Chamber members and friends of the Chamber to their Mix & Mingle on Thursday, December 7th from 4 pm until 8 pm.
 - iii. Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party will be on Wednesday, December 6th at Infinity Hall, Norfolk CT from 5 pm until 8 pm.
 - iv. Central CT Chambers of Commerce Holiday Party will be on Thursday, December 7th at Nuchies Restaurant from 5 pm until 7 pm; Member cost is \$25.
 - b. Scholarship for LSM
 - i. Peter B. shared that we have done a \$500 named scholarship at Lewis S. Mills HS the past two years and we would like to do it again in 2018.
 - ii. The scholarship is not only for those going on to a 2- or 4-year undergrad college, but to those pursuing a post-graduation trade training.
 - iii. Motion to approve a \$500 2018 scholarship presented by Rich B. with Collen V. 2nd; All in Favor
 - c. Multi-Chamber Event
 - i. Planning on June 7th event at Larson's Garden Center. Peter B. said that is still on track.
 - d. Car Show/Food Truck Event for Charity
 - i. Discussion on how and when to do a Car Show.
 1. Consensus was to hold at Region 10 complex due to space for exhibitors, food trucks and crowds.
 - ii. Janet S. asked about substituting or adding in a Mountain Bike event since that is a big draw to Burlington.
 1. Marjorie B. is on a Mountain Bike Training board and mentioned could have a sponsored vendor event (Trek?).
 - iii. Defer further discussion on whether Biking or Car Show to December meeting.
 - e. Banners for 1Q2Q 2018 Update
 - i. Jerry B. shared that the new Banner designs are ready for the 1Q2Q 2018 program. Same pricing as before and orders will be taken until 12/15/17.
 - f. Chamber News & Updates
 - i. No new updates to share other than the Holiday Event schedule discussed earlier.
- VII. Open Forum



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- i. Janet S. wants to grow the Scarecrow Program next year. Thanked Advanced Physical Therapy and Farmington Bank.
 - ii. Janet S. also shared that the Burlington Community Fund Welcome to Burlington kit could use items from our local businesses still.
 1. John S. said he received one recently since he just purchased in Burlington and said it was great.
 - iii. Janet S. shared that the Burlington Community Fund and the Town of Burlington will be holding an “Opioid Forum” on January 10th at 7 pm in the LSM Auditorium. There will be speakers from different perspectives to share this epidemic sweeping into every community and walk of life.
 - iv. Diana L. asked about Office of Tourism coming to Burlington to help our members in promoting their businesses. Peter B. said will do 1Q18.
- VIII. Adjourn – Motion Peter B., Diane L. 2nd, All in Favor – 1:01 pm

Next Meeting – Thursday, December 21, 2017 @ 3:00 pm at West Wind Realty, Burlington CT