



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019 – 11:00 AM

BROWN-ELTON TAVERN

## Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance – – Kerry Brash President, Colleen Vice President, Tom Martin Secretary, Margie Bowen Director, Dave Shephard Director, Rich Browning, Treasurer

Opened 11:04

- a) Review Insurance Policy with Colleen. We are all set with what we have.
- b) Membership Dues revision to include reduced rate for home businesses and 501C3's. Tabled until review done by Membership Committee.
- c) Christmas Trees - \$19.00 each for #1 trees, \$15.00 for lower grade trees. Since we already posted the \$100 fee for this year, based on paying \$30 per tree, do we just leave as is and use the money to fund new events, charitable donations, etc. & next year we'll reduce the price. Review of the program resulted in the decision that this is a Community Service Program that the Chamber had agreed to last year and not a requirement from the local businesses to pay for the trees. The town is putting up the trees and the Chamber was asked to help "Light up the Burlington Business Corridor" in the town center. The Chamber is asking for sponsors to help pay for the trees. For this year, we decided to go with the \$19 trees. Donations will be accepted by any business for the trees. Margie to remove wording of 3 trees on the donation request. Businesses that donate can be put on Carol Sing programs, Facebook pages, and our Newsletter, and possibly a sign in the Town Green.
- d) Greenhouse Tavern - Tabled discussion for presentation by Diana.
- e) Welcome Bags update. Still getting things together - pricing and what we need.
- f) Carol Sing/Coat Drive update – Colleen got pricing on ice sculptures; lowest is \$750. Scratching that idea. A coat drop-off station will be in the Tavern at the Carole Sing. Judi Ann Lausier, United Way, will discuss wording with Shaun for marketing purposes. Recipients of the coats and delivery options will be determined once we know how many we receive. Kerry, Shaun and Judi Ann to discuss after the event.
- g) Events Committee Meeting – 10/21 5:00 at West Wind Realty; Tom Martin to attend to share Touch a Truck info. John Haviland, BVFD Fire Chief, to attend to discuss their partnership with the Chamber. Adult Bingo Night & Touch A Truck/Chili Cookoff are possible fundraisers for BVFD.
- h) General discussion - Remove Tavern Day from our website.

Adjourned 11:58