



BURLINGTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Membership Meeting Minutes
Elton Tavern
Thursday, February 20, 2020

- I. Call to Order at 12:03 pm
- II. Attendance – Kerry Brash (President) on phone, Tom Martin (Secretary), Rich Browning (Treasurer), Margie Bowen (Director), Diane Rivard (member), Shaun Calhoun (member), Judi Ann Lausier (United Way), Stephanie Cowger (Make A Mark), Ted Shafer (First Selectman), Scott Law (Farmers Insurance), Dave Onofrio (member), Shaun Calhoun (member), Jeff Spadaccini (member YMCA)
- III. Past Minutes – Shaun C motioned to accept, Dave O seconded, all in favor
- IV. Treasurer’s Report
 - Bank Balance = \$11,163.81
 - Recent Expenses
 - \$3,250.00 CCCC 2020 Admin Services
 - \$44.35 Eversource
 - \$58.48 Web Hosting
 - \$25.25 QuickBooks
 - \$63.20 Chamber Dashboard Annual Renewal
 - \$27.80 Sabrina's Restaurant- January meeting lunch
 - Upcoming Expenses
 - \$1,000 for (2) \$500 LSM Scholarships
 - \$76.25 CCCC March Newsletter Printing
 - Recent Credits
 - \$600.00 Dues collected since last report
 - \$1,625.00 People's United Bank: 2020 Dues \$225, Annual Dinner \$500, Tavern Day \$800, 2020 Holiday Trees \$100
- V. Current Business
 - A. Ted Schaffer mention of a new street scape project that will extend the current one. Opportunity for more chamber banners.
 - B. Make A Mark Stephanie Cowger: Music Fest will be in Harwinton this year due to growing event. June 6th 3 to 9 at the fairgrounds. Looking for sponsors. Kerry said we can advertise for them on our website and they may be able to advertise in the chamber newsletter.



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C. Membership Committee

- Active = 61 members
- 3 past due members from January. Letters mailed Feb 18th.
- 1 lapsed member from January
- 1 new member- Edward Jones

D. Event Committee

BAH Event

Looking to get a BAH on calendar at least one for 2020. YMCA maybe in June. Super Cellar in Avon maybe partner with Avon Chamber maybe. Suggestions of Burlington Academy, Heather Taylor, or Zen Yoga Barre.

Winter Wonderland

Postponed to Feb 29. Tom Martin said he could get the supplies. Need to get volunteers to run it. Diane Rivard, Shaun Calhoun, yes Rich and Tom Maybe.

Morning Networking Event

Diana is prepared to begin Wednesday, March 18. Looking for name suggestion of Rise and Shine everyone liked.

Burlington Vol Fire Department Fundraising Event

Decided to do a wine and craft beer tasting event with a 50/50 drawing and silent auction on May 15 at the Fire house, Problem Burlington Fire department is not a 501c3 and the wine distributors will not be able to donate the wine. This will cut into profits unless we get sponsors. A quick estimate for cost would be \$600 to \$900. Kerry and Diane will talk about this and discuss options.

Welcome Wagon bags

Judi Ann and Tom looked into this. Got rid of some old marketing material that was in them. We currently have the bags for this through Bristol Hospital. Have a chart currently of stuff we will keep in them and stuff we can add. After we get the material Tom will deliver to the school in which Kids In The Middle will put the bags together. Need to decide if we are going to do this as a monthly, quarter or annually for the bags to get stuffed so we know how many at once. Once bags stuffed, we get the list from the Town of Burlington on the home sales in town each month and we deliver to new residence. Volunteers so far for delivery Judi Ann, Dave S, Tom, Rich, Ted S. Would like to get at least 10 people so need 5 more. Also need to advertise to Chamber members to see if anyone else wants to put information in these bags. Talked and general consensus was to only have nonprofit and Chamber members advertise in them along with area things we vote on like Session Woods.

VI. Adjourned at 1:15 pm

Next Meeting –March 19 12:00 pm at Elton Tavern, Burlington CT