



In attendance:, Larry Berg, Wendy Mason, Stan Fillion, Alycia Vosinek, Jim Alden, Jan Carver, Janet Parker, Aaren James, Peter Minich, Gerald Winn, Dick Hamilton, Jani Fillion, George Kirk, Ray Cloutier, Al Smith, Chuck Connell, Mike Claffin & Chad Stearns

Absent: Neil Stafford, Naomi Reinhard, John Alberini

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 am by Larry Berg.

August Meeting Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Jan motioned to accept the August meeting minutes, and Wendy seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Alycia noted that the financials look good, with bad debts up. George made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, and Wendy seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Directors Report:

- Chad Announced that we had 0 new members, 13 renewing members, and 3 dropped members
- Chad recorded 8 new casual encounters with members, including 5 new scheduled meeting with members in Lisbon/Monroe.
- Chad attended 33 meetings/events throughout the month. A majority of these meetings involved Main Street Reconstruction and the Opera House.
- Chad noted that Business After Hours was held at Common Ground's Whitefield office, with approximately 20 people attending. This months BAH will be held at on the 30th at Notchnet.

New Business:

- The board reviewed the proposed contract for graphic design services with Bridget Atkins PR. After a brief discussion, Dick made the motion to approve the contract, with Jani seconding and the board unanimously approving.
- The Economic Development Celebratory Luncheon was discussed next. Greg Eastman has volunteered to assist with the program. Jan carver volunteered to work on this as well. The Economic Luncheon will be held the Thursday before thanksgiving as it will allow for inclusion in the Courier the following week. Discussion was had as to the location, and it was decided to hold it again this year at the Elks as we are not ready to hold it at the Opera House at this time.
- The Annual Dinner is starting to be planned now as well. Dawn Berg has volunteered to co-chair this with Alycia this year. The next step will be to send out RFP's for the location, and to also find a speaker.
- The opera house was also brought up. Simon Baker is in the final stages of obtaining a budget and schedule for work. On the management side of things, the August 29th performance went well, with many notes being taken on how and what to improve.



Committee Reports:

Membership: - Folders were handed out, and everyone on the board was very appreciative of all of the hard work that went into them and how nice they turned out. The customer service program has been booked solid, which is also to the delight of both the board and the committee

Marketing: Chad reported that discussions have started on the exit 44 welcome center, as well as informational signs for the town. The tourism guide RFP's have also come in and a proposal will be chosen soon.

Art Show: - Jani noted that we are still receiving registrations, and that Janet Parker has graciously joined the committee. Aaren James has also donated airtime for the art show on his radio stations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Stearns
Executive Director