

## Westport Area Business Association Meeting – Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2019 6PM – Dinner 7PM - Call to order/Roll Call for Quorum

Attendees: Bryan Gatewood, Betty Gatewood, Cassie Sander, Aden Sander, Bonnie Hahn, Ila Cottone, Terri McGrath, Julia Parker, JoAnn Smith, Sandra Billieu, Becky Tichenor, Steve Billieu, Mike Gasper, Cynthia Gasper, Barb Winchester, Mark Koors, Jeff Emmsweller, Joyce Brindley, Roy Brindley, Steve Hodgson, Jen Hodgson, Dennis Fogle, Don Snyder,

Minutes of 9/17/2019 Meeting – Bryan Gatewood, 1<sup>st</sup> by MikeG, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SteveH, Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report – Bonnie Hahn. 1<sup>st</sup> by SteveH, 2<sup>nd</sup> SandiB. Motion Approved.

Membership Committee Chairman Report – Mark Koors. No update. Ila noted that we have a new car lot in town.

### Public Relations Committee Chairman Report – Sandi Billieu

- Sandi has talked to schools and they will publicize the Health Fair.
- Sandi needs committees for Home Decorations contest, Coloring Contest, and Vendor Set-up for Santa's Village. Booths are \$30. – This was lowered to \$10 per space on 10/16/2019 on a motion by Mike Gasper via e-mail.
- Cynthia and Linda will serve the cookies out of Santa's Workshop.
- Jackie, Becky, and Terri will do Home Decorating Contest.
- Bonnie and Barb will help with coloring contest.
- JoAnn Smith, Sandi, will be working vendors. Vendor # will determine tent size. Joyce will help with getting vendor list from Fall Festival.
- Jeff reported that there is a Holiday Bazaar at Batesville Elementary School on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sandi will check with Dana Witkemper as Sandi thinks that Dana goes to the bazaar in Batesville.
- St. Mary's in Greensburg is having a holiday event on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Negangard in Osgood provides the tent.
- Ila suggested that next year we do a breakfast with Santa and she would donate The Venue for an indoor facility.
- JeffE suggested that we contact Tami Wenning at the Community Foundation for some possible Grant Money to help with putting on Santa's Village.

### New Business Committee Chairman Report – Mike Gasper

- Mike had an inquiry about vacant store fronts, and he's still working bringing a car wash.
- Ila floated the idea of the Business Association acquiring a property and opening a business.
- Joyce shared that this coming Saturday 10/19 will be Electronic Recycling down at the Town Hall.

### President's Report on past year – Cassie Sander

- Cass reported that she has had a tough year dealing with losses in her and Nate's family. She apologized for not being as involved as she wanted to be. Next couple of years she will be focusing on her family and building the store back up.
- She mentioned the Covered Bridge Festival, the Rabies Clinic, Health Fair, and Santa's Village as successes for 2019.

Jackie Elliott and Mike Gasper have agreed to stay on as Board Members.  
Becky Tichenor will replace Mike Watkins.  
JoAnn Smith will replace Diana Wildman  
Ila Cottone will be the new President next year.

### **Old Business:**

Preparations for Health Fair on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

- Dennis thinks he has everything covered. 24x vendors and possible upwards of 28-30 may be possible. 10AM-1PM are the times.
- Flu shots and finger stick testing will be available but NOT full blood draws. The flu shot will be quadrivalent.

Mike reported that there are wheels and a tongue may be available to move Santa's Workshop to it's new proposed location. Terri McGrath will work with Mike to implement the move.

Preparations for Santa's Village on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

Bryan's report on large Christmas Decoration refurbishing with First Financial Day of Caring crew.

### **New Business:**

- Jeff Emmsweller reported on the Stellar Communities Project and Greensburg is working with a company on developing a "brand" for Greensburg and they are also working on a brand for the smaller communities – including Westport.
- SteveH stressed that the Stellar process united 5x different organizations in Greensburg.
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Adjourn – SteveH 1<sup>st</sup>, Terri 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

Next Meeting **November 19th, 2019 at Noon – Final Planning for Santa's Village**

*Up Coming Events:*

**Health Fair at Venue on 3 – Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 10A-1P**

**Santa's Village – Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Vendor set-up 1:30-3:00. Santa's Village OPEN 3-8PM.**