

## Westport Area Business Association Meeting – Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2019 11:30AM Lunch, Noon-Meeting

12PM - Call to order/Roll Call for Quorum

Attendees: Bryan Gatewood, Terri McGrath, Bonnie Hahn, Sandra Billieu, Barb Winchester, Dennis Fogle, Jeff Emsweller, Mark Koors, JoAnn Smith, Linda Mazingo, Ila Cottone, Dawn Lowe (Jeff's Assistant)

Minutes of 10/15/2019 Meeting – read by Bryan Gatewood. Minutes amended to correct Greg Watkins name. 1<sup>st</sup> by Sandra Billieu, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BonnieH, Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – read by Bonnie Hahn, 1<sup>st</sup> by BryanG, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SandraB, Motion approved.

Membership Committee Chairman Report – Mark Koors has made initial connection with MVRcars.com.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Report – Sandi Billieu

- Sandi will check to be sure Electric is ON at the Gazebo. Bryan will check with Pastor East to see if he wants to do the Invocation.
- Main St. will be doing Chili and Peanut Butter sandwiches.
- Santa is secured. He will change at the Fire Dept. Keith Messer will be our Santa and he will also be Santa on 12/7. We still need a Santa for 12/14. Candy Canes and ribbons will control crowd flow that evening.
- Sandra thanked Mark Koors for moving/rotating Santa's workshop and the paved approach to the workshop.
- Barb stated that the step to the Gazebo will need to be secured before the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We need someone to make the hot cocoa. Terri has the recipe. Barb Winchester agreed to make the cocoa and Terri will be helping her. Sandra is providing the cookies.
- Coloring forms have been delivered to the schools and Bonnie and Barb are the judges. Categories are 1-6yrs and 7-12yrs.
- Tree lighting will start at 6:00.
- Vendors are accepted until 11/22 and tent size will be chosen accordingly.
- Home lighting contest: Jackie, Terry, Sandra, and Napoleon will be sponsoring prizes. Napoleon will be working on getting a carriage for Santa's Village next year. This comes from Napoleon and is booked 4-6months in advance.

New Business Committee Chairman Report – Mike Gasper. Mike wasn't here.

### **Old Business:**

Health Fair report from Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

Report from Dennis Fogle. Only one vendor was no-show. Estimated crowd was around 300. Dr. Williams was there and some blood pressure issues were uncovered. The venue worked well. Weather was kind of wet. Blood Mobile broke down and wasn't able to be there. Kiwanis did the Hot Dogs. Several Flu shots were given – 216 is the number that Sandi remembers. Bounce house was cancelled due to the weather.

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

Bryan's report on purchase of additional LED lights to replace those missing/stolen from the bridge arches.

**New Business:**

Hanging of large Christmas decorations on town light poles. Mark will facilitate this on Monday 11/25.

Install of Christmas lights on Covered Bridge 11/25-11/27 as weather permits.

Jeff Emsweller update from Decatur County. Jeff gave an update on the branding campaign being done by Greensburg along with Stellar Communities. Surrounding communities are invited to give input on what they've gotten so far. Logos and brands for Decatur County and surrounding communities were presented. Sandra made the motion that we accept the designs as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BarbW. Motion carried. Bryan will contact Westport Town Clerk's office to put Jeff on the agenda for next month's Town Council meeting.

Ila suggested that we switch to evening meetings for next year. Maybe alternate lunch vs. evening meetings. Lila Holcomb is interested in doing all meals for us next year. November meeting next year will be the Thanksgiving meal and last meeting of the year. Ila made motion to move Thanksgiving dinner to November meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie. Motion approved. Mark commented that daytime meetings in Winter are best for him. Possible evening meals during summer months. Bonnie will survey members about lunch vs. evening meetings and whether or not to continue doing meals.

Adjourn – motion by MarkK, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TerriMc. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:59PM.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2020.

*Up Coming Events:*

**Santa's Village – Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**