

## THE WESTPORT AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

April 16, 2019 MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members:** Cassie Sander, Bonnie Hahn, Bryan Gatewood, Jackie Elliott, Sandra Billieu, Mark Koors,

**ABSENT Board member:** Greg Watkins & Diana Wildman, Terri McGrath, Mike Gasper

**MEMBERS & GUESTS:** Ila Cottone, George Cann, Dennis Fogle, Barb Winchester, Linda Mozingo,

The meeting was called to order by Cassie Sander, President. There were enough board members for quorum.

Bryan read the minutes from the Meeting from March 19, 2019. Bonnie moved to accept minutes as amended and Sandi seconded. Minutes approved as amended.

Bonnie presented the Treasurer's report including the current balance and accounts receivable. Sandi moved to accept and DennisF seconded. Treasurers report approved as read.

**Membership Committee Report: No update from Mark. Ila Cottone will be completing paperwork to join. She has already paid the fee.**

### **Public Relations Committee Report –**

- Ila would be interested in sponsoring Matt to sing at the Covered Bridge Festival if cost for the evening is \$1,000 or less.
- Youth to Yellowstone was discussed. Sandi made a motion to donate \$200 to Y2Y. Cassie seconded. Motion approve unanimously. Sandi is also donating \$50 personally and challenging other businesses to do the same.
- Santa's house has been updated for Spring and can be used for the Rabies Clinic.
  - o Tarps are available in storage room to place around the Gazebo to keep animals calm.
  - o Sandi will send out a press release to WTRE this week.

### **New Business Committee Report –**

- Venue on 3 will be open in around 12 weeks. They would like for Business Association to do a Ribbon Cutting for them at a Grand Opening.
- Napoleon State Bank grand opening was a success. They are reporting that they are glad to be here and foot traffic has been amazing.

### **Old Business**

- Rehab at the bridge – outline Christmas lights are down. Question from the commissioners: "How do we feel about some of the wood being wrapped in aluminum? Vs. replacing with real wood?"

- Consensus in the room was that aluminum was OK for the drip board along the edge of the roof. We want to do whatever best protects the bridge for the future.
- Final prep for Rabies Clinic on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Cassie has around 30 pre-registered now. She printed 80 and put them out at the store and they are all gone. Vet will take final count and then double it. Cassie will check with Vet to see if they need us to provide any funds for change.
- Status update on Covered Bridge Festival and permit from Indiana Gaming Commission?
  - Sticking point is the Duckling Derby. Total counts of ducks are on the baskets in the storage room. Indiana Gaming Commission will be meeting next Tuesday. Door prizes will be under \$1,000 and we will be considered an “exempt event”. If we have someone sponsor the Duckling Derby they would sell the tickets.

**New Business**

**Nothing.**

**Upcoming Events:**

Sandi made a motion to adjourn and Jackie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Signed: Bryan Gatewood, WBA Secretary

Next Meeting May 21, 2019 at 12:00PM