

## Westport Area Business Association Meeting – Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:30 Dinner, with meeting to follow.

Menu = Swiss steak w/gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Salad, Cookies

Ila called the meeting to order at 5:52 PM

Attendees: Dennis Fogle, Harry Pray III,

Call to order/Roll Call for Quorum – Board Members: Ila Cottone, Mark Koors, Bonnie Hahn, Bryan Gatewood, ~~Sandi Billieu~~, Jackie Elliott, ~~Terri McGrath~~, Becky Tichenor, Joann Smith, ~~Mike Gasper~~,

Minutes of 5/19/2021 Meeting – Bryan Gatewood – Motion to accept minutes by BonnieH, MarkK 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer's Report - Bonnie Hahn – Motion to accept report by JoAnnS, BryanG 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Membership Committee Chairman Report – Becky Tichenor – Reported that we will be getting a new car repair business which will be named next month.

Public Relations Committee Chairman(s) Report – Sandi Billieu/Jackie Elliott

- The Crier improvement committee minutes were read by BryanG
- Motion to approve all recommendations of the committee by JoAnnS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JackieE.
- Motion was unanimous.

New Business Committee Chairman Report – Mike Gasper – no update.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

Dennis Fogle urged everyone to get their Covid vaccines. BonnieH will send a list of current Business Association members to Dennis for preparation of the Healthy Fair in October. Next year is hospital's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He also mentioned the DCMH 5-star rating.

Mark Koors reported that the Commissioner's scored the grant applications. There were 31 applications and it looks like they will be giving out 29 grants.

JoAnn Smith reported that the Thrift Store has expanded their ours to include Wednesday and Friday 1P-4P and every Saturday 9A-3P. JoAnn reported that they have had a number of people stop-in from out of town.

Harry Pray reported that the Town is interested in putting a mural on the side of the old drug store. The Town has started the first of the condemnation hearings and 2x have been condemned so far. The Town has also learned that some of the buildings in town can be dealt with as health/safety issues.

BonnieH reported that Nipro will be having a 10-year anniversary celebration in July. The factory has actually been there for 33 years but only 10 years as Nipro.

Barb Winchester stated that both daycares are full. She also gave a report on the Main Street Covered Bridge Festival.

Jackie Elliot reported that her business is very busy.

Becky Tichenor reported that on Saturday's the Westport Lobby will continue to be closed through July. The drive-thru will be open normal hours on Saturday's.

Crier Improvement Committee will meet at 4:00 on Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> before the regular meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 by BryanG. 2<sup>nd</sup> by BarbW.

Next Meeting **Wednesday, July 21, 2021, Dinner 5:30, Meeting 6:00.**

Menu = BBQ Something – menu is up to Lila

*Up Coming Events:*

## Crier Improvement Committee – Meeting Minutes

6/16/2021 4:00 PM

Attendees: Bryan Gatewood, Ila Cottone, Becky Tichenor, Bonnie Hahn, Barb Winchester.

### Discussions:

BryanG agreed to do a 2-month community calendar and feed them to Sandra. Target starting issue August/September.

Ila agreed to do a kids page and a recipe' page for the August/September issue and will feed this to Sandra before the upcoming deadline.

BryanG agreed to interview William Brewer for the first Business Association SPOTLIGHT on a local business. Target issue will be August/September. If Bryan can't get that issue then October/November will be the target. Next spotlight after Pizzalicious will be Community Business Services and their new location on State Rd. 3.

The committee also agreed to ask Sandra to put a page in the Crier that lists the current pricing structure for membership/directory entries/Ads.

Ila and Bonnie volunteered to contact businesses in the directory that don't have ads to see if they would like to purchase an ad.

The committee agreed that a re-visit of the pricing structure is in order but we will look at it in a future meeting.

The committee agreed that a page asking for Community input on "What would YOU like to see in the Town Crier"....along with an email address and/or PO Box should be included in the August/September issue along with a new Front Page that pops and states New and Improved.

BonnieH will create an email for the Westport Business Association and send the address to Sandra.

Future issue idea – Photo Contest for the Front Cover.

Review these minutes in the main meeting 6/16/2021 at 6PM.