

RIO DELL-SCOTIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING

DATE: November 3, 2017 TIME: 12:00 LOCATION: Chamber Office 406 Wildwood Avenue

EVERY MEETING: Need to sign checks

Board Members: Nick Angeloff, President; Tracy O'Connell, vice president; Sharon Holt, secretary; Jim Brickley, Susan Pryor; Eldon Whitehead, historian; Gabriel Smith

Non-Voting Positions: Melissa Marks, treasurer; Frank Bacik, emeritus

1. CALL TO ORDER: 12:00, BY: Nick Angeloff, president
2. ATTENDANCE: Nick Angeloff, Sharon Holt, Tracy O'Connell, Melissa Marks, Susan Pryor, Jim Brickley, Gabriel Smith
3. ABSENT: Eldon Whitehead, Maggie Whitehead, Frank Bacik
4. SECRETARY: Minutes of last meeting approved by consent, no corrections or additions.
5. TREASURERS REPORT: BALANCE AS OF 11/03/2017 Savings: Same as last month Checking: \$173.83
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD OR ONGOING BUSINESS:

New Board Member: Gabriel Smith, Root 101 Nursery; Discussion of and consent received in regards to new member conducted by electronic medium.

Motion made by Sharon Holt to approve new board member, Gabriel Smith; Seconded by Tracy O'Connell; Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve \$117.54 reimbursement for Christmas decorations and card rack to Jim Brickley made by Tracy O'Connell; Sharon Holt second; motion called; approved unanimously.

Motion made by Tracy O'Connell to participate in the Winter Dinner hosted by the Scotia Band and The Fortuna Concert Series, which is a social event designed to satisfy the requirement of a non-profit organization to hold an annual membership meeting. Seconded by Jim Brickley, passed unanimously.

Directed Treasurer Melissa Marks to earmark \$100.00 for the cost associated with the boom lift truck used for the decorating of the Christmas tree. This fee is for delivery/diesel for the use. Redi-Rents has offered to waive the rental fee.

Date (12/02/2017) and time (6:00-7:00) for the Holiday Lighting are set. Tracy has created a flyer and notice was listed in the newsletter and will be posted on the website.

Discussed the direction to pursue on the purchase of holiday decorations. Cost of proposed decorations will reach at least \$3000.00. Consensus was reached that the street decorating will be a progressive event.

The 12 cut-outs are almost complete and painted on single side. Jim will pursue the completion of the painting so they will be double sided by December 2018.

A 40 foot banner has been ordered.

Gabriel will check to see if Root 101 has ordered a large enough tree for the median display. If not, Susan will ask HRC for possible donation of 16' tree.

Discussed the next steps and decided that the Memorial Park lights were the next desirable addition to the decorating agenda. The Chamber will shift focus from purchase of ornaments to the decorating and lighting of Memorial Park. Lights will be purchased before street banners. Pole banners are expected to cost \$70.00, plus hardware, each.

Search will continue for industrial solar decorations and lighting, purchases may be made when items are discounted after the Holidays. Conversations will continue throughout the coming year for participation of businesses to host decorations that require electricity.

John Coleman has agreed to portray Santa.

At this time the plan is to store the Holiday decorations in the back room of the Chamber Building.

Nick Angeloff has acquired several Silver Members and is pursuing several more.

Noted that a ribbon cutting will be scheduled for the new Waffle and Coffee addition to Root 101. Nick and Gabriel will coordinate.

Discussion ensued as to the DreamHost bill that is currently delinquent and needs to be paid to continue to allow back-ups to the Cloud. Tracy noted that the Chamber has two email accounts; but no staff. Discussed the feasibility of combining accounts and keeping all information together as well as the webhosting for combined accounts: Melissa will ask PSA about the DreamHost account and will determine how to consolidate and proceed. Melissa was given authorization to pay the webhosting bill pending the advice of PSA.

Nick noted that the Chamber board members should become familiar with the new tax to be implemented on marijuana so that the Chamber can have an informed public opinion on the issue. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Suggestion was made to host a public forum on the topic pursuant to the upcoming election. Item was tabled to next meeting.

Finances:

Nick Angeloff and Glenn White are proceeding with rent on the 406 Wildwood Avenue location. They have pledged support for the next four months which will take the Chamber through February. It is unknown at this time whether EPAD will continue with the gallery at this location. The Chamber discussed the issue and have concluded that if the Chamber is to remain in the building, the space must be reapportioned and appropriate rent will be charged. There will need to be at least four renters in the space to justify the Chamber financially remaining in the building. Glenn has apportioned his space with an office and Nick will pursue his Archeological Business from this location. Upon the decision of EPAD, the current spacing will be reapportioned. Item was tabled pending contact with EPAD to next meeting.

Adjourned 12:55.

Submitted by Sharon Holt, secretary.