

HANCOCK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEETING Tuesday, December 7th

Attendees: Carmella Seely, Valerie Senese, Sherri Resti-Thomas, Bobbi Cicio, Bill Gross, Ashley Rossi, Ken Salvestrini, Kristin Burden, Marjorie Burden, Chris Gross, Paul Siegler, Dan Clark, Cindy Argiros, Andrew Gross, Richard Lowe, Jim Kilgore, Vallessa Monk

Call to Order: 5:50 PM

1. Elections
 - a. Nominations: President - Ashley Rossi by Bill, VP- Richard Lowe by Carmella, Secretary- Carmella Seely by Bill, Treasurer-Mike Argiros by Bill
 - b. Board: Dan Clark by Bill, Rob Wrighter by Bill, Kristin Burden by Bill, Bobbi Cicio by Vallessa, Vallessa Monk by Bill, Bill Gross by Carmella
 - c. All in favor for nominations
2. Treasury Report
 - a. Checking \$13,266.64 balance
 - b. CD \$3,111.177
 - c. Total \$16,781.91 BEFORE Christmas on the Square expenses
 - d. Net income for entire year: \$7507
 - e. Photographer Rose Miller \$150, Sullivan County Democrat Ad to promote COTS \$171.28, Ashley needs reimbursement \$96.27 for games, reimbursement for Dawn Joyce (Candy) \$70.94, Rent a John \$100, bill for \$70.20 part of the Christmas tree stand (will be submitted by Chris Gross), Bill Gross submitted bill for heater rental \$150
 - i. already paid for ~\$700 for Christmas trees
 - ii. raised \$150 selling glow sticks donated by Richard Lowe & husband
 - iii. motion to approve Chris' bill (everything else has been approved)- motioned by Ashley, seconded by Dan
3. Committee Updates
 - a. Ashley, as Pres, is on all committees.
 - b. Activities & Membership
 - i. another Purse Bingo event needed
 - ii. Members: Carmella, Dawn, Paul, Kristin, Bill, Andrew, Vallessa
 - c. Fundraising & Finance
 - i. Members: Jim K, Mike A, Richard, Bobbi, Ken, Andrew
 - d. Advertising and Promotions
 - i. Members: Sherri-chair, Cindy A, Vallessa, Carmella, Jim
 - e. Nominating
 - i. Members: Bill, Vallessa, Carmella, Dan
 - f. Can be sub- committees (Moon Float, COTS, etc)
 - g. Committees should be meeting regularly and reporting back at our monthly meetings.
4. Christmas on the Square and Small Business Saturday Wrap Up
 - a. Thank you notes sent to Judges, Laurie, Greg Gill, Mike (sound guy), Erin (pet photo), Ladies Auxiliary, Jim-float tow, Howard, Evan (Santa), John and Linda for tree, Hancock Police Dept, Photographer, Virginia Siegler (blankets), list of vendors
 - b. approx. 170 kids for gifts (107 blankets, 30 mugs w/candy, candy canes, etc)
 - c. Santa before and after parade went over very well
 - d. Millennium Pipeline is sending HCC a check for \$1000
 - e. All vendors and Follow the Smoke food vendor were happy.
 - f. Reindeer Run needs more planning to ensure stores are open during the event.

- g. Shop local day to day of Christmas on the Square
- 5. January 2022, Bed Tax Grant announcements / TACD
- 6. UPS drop off location
 - a. Cindy Argiros was contacted about a UPS drop-off location
 - b. Potentially Hancock General Store as a location?
 - c. Ashley is working with Amazon for a locker.
- 7. Fire Department Letter – Kaybirds
 - a. Jim Rotzler dropped off letter to Kaybirds requesting a donation from the Chamber for christmas lights (wiring and timers) for the Fire Department
 - b. Motion to deny donation request due to unofficial letter and PO Box address is a personal address, unsure if person is FD member. - motioned by Vallessa Monk, seconded by Chris Gross
 - c. \$5K of Dual sport ride is supposed to be designated to purchasing street Christmas lights.
 - d. Bill motioned to compose a letter respectfully declining participating in fundraiser
 - i. 2nd issue: motion to compose a letter/email to business members that a contribution to be made to the HFD, official address
 - ii. both motions seconded by Carmella Seely
 - e. Ashley brought up that there will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and Hancock General Store will be donating a basket to HFD for fundraiser
- 8. Dan Clark – Microtransit Report
 - a. Dan was asked to be the Delaware County chamber Microtransit representative and be part of creating a transit system in Delco
 - b. \$20K grant for Delco Chamber- Bill Wagner- Get There NY
 - c. Federal transit grant opportunities
 - d. Transportation study needs to be updated and approved by several entities, including DOT.
 - i. Important for Catskill Explorer project
 - e. Medicaid funding has significantly declined.
 - f. Lack of cell phone service in Delco, no Uber or Lyft
 - g. App created to request faster service.
- 9. Delaware County Chamber has been dropped as a NYS Tourism representative.
 - a. Bill motions a letter to be written to Jerry Vernold that next year they be reinstated.
 - i. seconded by Cindy Argiros
- 10. Motion to adjourn at 7:23 by Bill, seconded by Carmella