Downtown Ashland Betterment Coalition Board Meeting Minutes Date: February 6th at 7pm

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Izzy Smith at City Hall Community Room. Roll

Call:

Board Member	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Au g	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Lars Van Zandt - President	2022												
Izzy Smith - Vice President	2022	х											
Galen Wilhoit- Treasurer	2022	x											
Secretary	2022												
Brittney Harty	2022	x											
Brandon Glascock	2022												
Alicia Ozenberger	2022	x											
Claire Melvin	2022	x											
Jay Berendzen	2022												
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Ex-Officio Members	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Au g	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Vacant	2022												
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Jesse Wheadon	2022						
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Introduction of Guests

Debbie Mudd, Dorise Slinker, Sarah Hodapp, Virgina Stieger, Hannah Frufort, Christine Sapp, Mike Freese, Jessica Adams

Additions to Agenda

None

Approval of the Minutes:

Minutes from January 2023 n/a (MO Main Street Training & informal brief meeting) January 2nd meeting was a volunteer recruiting open house

Treasurer's Report:

\$483.68

Committee Reports:

Design: Jay to report additional update with planters

Economic Vitality:

Galen and Izzy submitted quarterly report in January. Discussion took place regarding sharing that data on website and social media for promotion

Promotion: Debbie and Brittney updated we are upto over 400 followers on Facebook, and 200 + on isntagram

Organization: 501(c)3 has been approved

A. Vote for secretary and other ex-officio members

- 1. Approved: <u>Sarah Hodapp</u> as board member and secretary 1st Izzy, 2nd Brittney
- 2. No additions to ex-officio members at this time
 - a) Bill Lloyd has formally resigned

Reported Training Hours:

Executive Reports (President, Vice-President, Ex-Officio):

No report

Old Business:

- A. Planters Update
 - 1. Jay Berendzen update: he has met with Hammett and come up with a design
 - a) PBA is donating plans and design consulting
 - (1) Discussion of a durable composite material build
 - 2. Looking into adopting the random planters downtown
 - a) Business owners were caring for them at one time
 - b) Learning Garden, FFA, and Garden Club were suggested as volunteers to recruit for care of planters
- B. March fundraiser (Basketball & Trivia)
 - 1. March Madness hosted at Woody's
 - 2. Tuesday 14th, 2023
 - 3. 8-10 tables presold
 - 4. 1st Izzy 2nd Brittney for approval to allow fundraising committee to plan

New Business:

- A. Need Volunteer to complete application for MO Main Street awards
 - 1. Galen has volunteered
- B. Review board terms and discuss officer positions
 - 1. Discussed volunteer additions and opportunity
 - 2. Renew all 1 year terms for 2023
 - a) 1st Galen,2nd Claire

- Izzy Smith, <u>Claire Melvin</u>, Brandon Glascock position to expire January 1,2024
- (2) Alicia Ozenberger, Sarah Hodapp, Brittney Harty position to expire January 1,2024
- (3) Lars Van Zandt, Galen Wilhoit, <u>Jay Berendzen</u>position to expire January 1,2025
- C. Email lists and software
 - 1. Constant Contact was suggested
 - a) \$10
 - b) Tabled due to limited funding at this time
 - 2. Dorise discussing partnership with the City on a software
 - a) Update from Kyle Michel 2-8-23: city is not currently using a software
- D. Chamber candidate forum summary to submit
 - Chamber and Economic development work to keep business and establish new business we are to set the stage to make sure they come and stay - Izzy to revise and email to board to take to chamber
- E. Getting added to the city website under 'community organizations'
 - 1. Dorise CHECKING WITH KYLE completed
 - 2. Kyle Michel update 2-8-23: added to city of Ashland website
- F. City sales tax update
 - 1. Social media promotion / public education
 - a) Source city guides
 - 2. I move to create a social media campaign with each design / post emailed for board approval
 - a) 1st Izzy
 - b) 2nd Claire
- G. Brittney Harty Attending Quarterly Workshop
 - 1. Learn how, and why, to create a Strategic Marketing Plan, a plan that will align the marketing initiatives with the overall goals of your Main Street organization.
 - 2. The day will include everything you need to know to tell the stories of your Main Street district, including compelling content identification and creation; tactics to implement, track, and evaluate marketing initiatives; trends in social media; and how to work with local and regional media
 - 3. Cost : \$100 prior to February 15,2023
 - a) Izzy to sponsor Brittney \$100 conference cost
 - b) 2nd Galen
 - 4. Revisit purchase a domain name
 - a) Jessica Adams willing to consider software cost donation

b) \$32 a month , find out annual amount to then ask for a donation

Other Business/Announcements:

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Galen Wilhoit and Claire Melvin to adjourn the meeting.

Next Board Meeting:

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2023, at 7 pm in the City Hall Community Room.