

Walnut Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Sandy Green, Tracey Schoff, Brian Smith, Kirsten Johnston, Jan McDonald, Julie Von Holten, Chris Von Holten, Angie Florschuetz and Brent Jamison.

Brent called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes from the January meeting were read. Brian made a motion to approve. Kirsten seconded.

Brent presented the January Treasurer's Report. Brian made a motion to approve. Jan seconded.

Brent noted that the PPP Loan the Walnut Chamber applied for was approved. The Chamber received \$10,507.08 and the Walnut Days Celebration Committee received \$15,760.62.

Sub Sandwich Fundraiser: Brent thanked everyone for their participation in the sub sandwich fundraiser. It was very successful. Approximately 430 loaves of bread was sold. The total sales were \$3,288.50 for a profit of \$1,823.29. Curbside pick-up worked very well and it was decided to use that method again next year.

Main Street Update: Kirsten noted that a couple of people have asked about available buildings in town for a business start-up. The board discussed a few options but agreed at this time there are not very many options available. Liberty Square continues to meet and make progress on their project.

Walnut Directory: Brent reported that still finalizing advertising for business directory. Took a couple of weeks off to focus on sub sandwich fundraiser. Just trying to get all the final details finished so no one is left out.

Membership Drive: Membership renewal letters will go out at the end of February. Because 2020 was such a tough year for business, the board discussed discounted rates this year. Brian made a motion to reduce membership rates by 10%. Kirsten seconded.

Heritage Health Meals: Brian said March 2nd is the date that was agreed upon to feed the Heritage Health staff with meals from local businesses. There will be two meals, one at 11:15 a.m. and one at 5 p.m. to cover both shifts. Brian asked for some help with delivery. Kirsten made a motion for the Chamber to give \$500 towards the meal project. Sandy seconded.

Brian told the board that he would be stepping down as President and Chamber Board in April. He is running for village trustee and doesn't have the time for both committees at this time. Asked for someone to step up to fill his role and said he would still be available for Chamber projects. Brent thanked Brian for his dedication to the Chamber.

The next regular meeting of the Walnut Chamber of Commerce will be Tuesday, March 9th at the Walnut Public Library.