**Attendees**

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| **Name** | **Company** |
| Margaret Hager | A Needle Pulling Thread, Board President |
| Diana Wilkins | Kara Lynn’s, Board Vice President |
| Katie Neer | Solomon’s Garage, LLC, Board Secretary |
| Julie Bodenmiller | Civista Bank, Board Treasurer |
| Ryan Berry & Erika Carter | Berry Digital Solutions, Website Administrator |
| Rodney Hager | Building Owner, A Needle Pulling Thread |
| Dave Neer | Solomon’s Garage, LLC |
| Michelle Neer | MCC Thrift |
| Sue Folt | MCC Thrift |
| Cindee Boyd (& Noah) | Village Clerk |
| Rebecca Craig | Marie’s Candies |
| Kathy King | Marie’s Candies |
| Bob & Theresa Rabenstein | Rabenstein Electric |
| Rebecca Marker-Smith, Kelly & Diane | Green Hills |
| Colton Lowry and Megan | Edward Jones |
| Zach Feely | Edward Jones |
| Chris Anders | Berry Digital Solutions |
| Paul Benedetti | Logan County Chamber |
| Terry Markin | Markin Farms Zipline Adventures |
| Julie Markin | Markin Farms Zipline Adventures |
| Sherry Forsythe | Highland Country Store |
| Julie Hidinger | Escape Route 508 |
| Nancy Spragen | Logan County Library |
| Jeff Yoder | Yoder Concrete Construction, LLC |
| Roberta Yoder | Bobbi’s Bungalow and YCC |
| Jason Plank | Plank’s Pizza |
| Daniel Horn | Spherion |
| Jayne Griffith | Street Market Committee |
| Cyndi McClure | Street Market Committee |
| Cindy Oelker | Liberty Gathering Place |
| Dave Ormsbee | Urbana University |
| Alex Dye | The Grove |
| Rev. Tami Wenger | Project Teddybear, Bicentennial Committee |
| Jason Duff | Canby Development LTD |
| Mark Boyer | Shine FM |

**Minutes**

**Welcome** **& Greeting** – Margaret Hager, WLBA Board President, had everyone introduce themselves and state who they represent.

**Invocation** – Rod Hager, A Needle Pulling Thread

**Meal –** Green Hills Community

**Financial Report** – Julie Bodenmiller, WLBA Board Treasurer, shared the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Profit & Loss Statement. The WLBA produced $11,952.87 and spent $9,909.32, the current checking account balance is $3,374.99. Julie asked Bob Rabenstein to order replacement bulbs for the Christmas wreaths for next year.

**Bicentennial Committee Report -** Tami Wenger states that the Committee is gearing up for our Village 200th Birthday on July 6-9, 2017. Tami said the Committee meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30p.m. at the Town Hall and all are encouraged to get involved to make the 4 day celebration one to remember.

**Street Market Committee Report-** Jayne Griffith and Cyndi McClure shared that the Street Market will take place this year every Friday evening from 3-7pm along Detroit St in the main downtown blocks from May 20-Aug 14. The vendors can begin setting up at 2pm each week and the cost to set up is $5 per week. The street market will go on rain or shine. Merchants are asked to participate and welcome vendors. June 24th there will be a chili cook-off and in July there will be a Bicentennial fashion show.

**Website Report -** Ryan Berry, Berry Digital Solutions,spoke about the importance of maintaining a web presence not only for our businesses but for the community as well. Ryan said traffic to the website has really grown in the past year. A silent auction was held for ad space on the website.

**Fireworks Update -** Cindy Oelker, Liberty Gathering Place,shared the need for monetary donations for the 4th of July fireworks display since The Force is no longer putting it on. Donations are accepted at Peoples Savings and Loan in West Liberty and on the GoFundMe page.

Mark Boyer, Shine FM, was also in attendance. He shared a booth with information about the Christian radio station, which just moved to a new location.

**Jason Duff** was the featured speaker. He is founder and CEO of Canby Development LTD, Commercial Real Estate Developer, a talented speaker and entrepreneur. He talked about how to bring new businesses to town by thinking outside the box and not taking “no” as the final answer. He said “The “heart” of West Liberty is strong and growing because of the hard work and ambition of the people who are committed to doing the work to improve it.

**Officers -**

Margaret Hager, outgoing president, announced that nominated officers for the next 3 years are as follows:

* President – Ryan Berry (Berry Digital Solutions)
* Vice President – Chris Anders (Berry Digital Solutions)
* Secretary – Katie Neer (Solomon’s Garage)
* Treasurer – Mark Boyer (Shine FM)

This was approved.

**Silent Auction –** Following the speakers, ad spaces for the main pages of [www.mywestliberty.com](http://www.mywestliberty.com) were auctioned off. The winners of the silent auction ad spaces will be announced soon.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used for the Business Association. Thank you everyone for your bids and if you wish to promote your business while providing funds to the Association, please contact us. There may be other options for ad space.

**Door Prizes –** Margaret Hager announced that Marie’s Candies and the Marketplace provided the centerpieces and they were given away as door prizes.