

# **West Liberty Business Association Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at Mad River Farm Market, 5:30 pm

Attending:

Heather Chamberlain, President

Linda Vernon, Vice President

Brittany McElroy, Treasurer

Brenda Snyder, Secretary

Andrew/ WL Historical Society

Katie Neer/ Solomon's Garage

Cindee Boyd/Village of West Liberty

Call to order by President, Heather Chamberlain:

**Treasurer's Report:** report read; motion to approve Linda Vernon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Neer

**Secretary Report:** Minutes read; motion to approve Linda Vernon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindee Boyd

**Business of the Month:** Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek was selected as the January 2024 Business of the Month. There will be an award presentation on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am. All members are invited to attend.

Starting with the February Business of the Month winner, the award presentation will given out each month at the monthly meeting.

Going forward, the WLBA board will now takeover the monthly selections. There will still be 3 member businesses selected every month and then put out for a vote from our members, but the Village Council will no longer be involved. We will also start buying the winning business a box of their selected candy from Marie's.

## **Events Committees updates:**

**Snowflake Basket-** see Treasurer attachment for final numbers.

**Christmas Parade:** The parade was a great success! We would like to continue the Tractor Light Parade in the upcoming years. Brittany did a phenomenal job!

**Luminary Race:** Troop 433 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts did the luminaries. See attached Treasurer's Report for final numbers.

**Christmas Tour of Homes:** Despite the rain, the event was successful! 125 tickets were sold. Suggestions for next year are to make the shopping event separate from the tour. Also to make the event longer? Christmas Open House through the tour.

**Annual Dinner** –The date for the 2024 WLBA Annual Dinner will be January 18 at 6:00 pm. We will have a back up date for January 25 in case of inclement weather. Paul's Catering has been booked to cater the event. There will be a membership drive and social hour from 5-6pm. Heather made a motion to change the dinner this year to include 2 tickets in with all memberships. 2<sup>nd</sup> from Linda Vernon. Motion Passed.

**New Officers for 2024-** The Board Secretary position as well as the Member-at-Large position are up for re-election at the Annual Dinner. These are 3-year seats. If you are interested in nominating someone, please email Board President at [wlba@mywestliberty.org](mailto:wlba@mywestliberty.org).

**Old Business –**

**By-Laws:** now that we have our 501c3 status completed, we need to update the By-Laws. We need to add in the new scholarship that we started this year.

**501c3 Status-** We are now a certified 501C3 Non-Profit Organization. Please see the attached letter. Thank you so much to Treasurer Brittany McElroy for taking on this huge project!

The **West Liberty Historical Society** is planning a 1920's Gala on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. They are looking for 8 - \$1500 sponsors but will accept lower amounts. If interested, please get in contact with Malia Hughes.

**Mayor/Village Council Report –**

2024 West Liberty Village calendars are now on sale for \$13 and are available at the Village office.

Please see attached information for the latest on the 2024 planning for the Solar Eclipse.

Linda Vernon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Snyder

WLBA Secretary

**Upcoming Monthly Meeting Dates**

Jan 18- Annual Dinner Meeting