**West Liberty Business Association Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 10, 2022 at Liberty Gathering Place (LGP) 7:45am**

**In attendance**:  Mitch Lingrell, President (LT’s Uniquities), Linda Vernon, Vice President (Vernon Farms), Katie Neer, Secretary (Solomon’s Garage and Neer & Farm), Tami Cox, Member at Large (Country Friends), Jayne Griffith (West Liberty Village Council), Lydia Hess (Logan Co Chamber), Lindsey McGlone (Elle A Design), Bill Detrick (WL Street Dept), Chris Jones (Jones Country Store)

**Minutes:**

* Mitch called the meeting to order.
* Katie read the December meeting minutes which she previously emailed to the membership. Mitched moved to accept the minutes, Tami seconded.
* Bill Detrick from the Village Street Dept stated the Village would not like to be responsible for decorating the downtown block for the holidays, that it is the Business Association's responsibility. Katie stated she thought it was the Business Association's responsibility all along but there was confusion since Bill put up the decorations at Cindee Boyd's request this year in time for WHIO Sees your Town segment. All agreed WLBA would resume this task for Christmas 2022.
* Bill Detrick also stated on behalf of the Village that property and business owners are responsible for snow removal on downtown sidewalks. In the past some council members did this, but are no longer able to. In order to avoid lawsuits when individuals slip on towering snow piles or ice, the Village urges business and property owners to remove snow from downtown sidewalks and push it into the street so plows can remove it. If the business or building owner is unable to do this, the Village suggests hiring a private entity to remove snow. There are many options. If anyone needs a contact for snow removal please reply to this email. We have several small businesses in the area who do this. Perhaps this cost could be split among building owners in order to keep our friends, neighbors and visitors safe.
* Katie reported that Molly has stepped down as treasurer. Mitch reported that the board will meet soon to elect a new treasurer.
* Linda Vernon reported on behalf of the Events Committee. Linda shared that they are still planning on Bus Tours April thru September and the Summer Fest will be held June 24-26. There will be an event downtown June 29 in conjunction with the Ricketts Parklett dedication. There will be food trucks for Fire Sales May 21.
* Katie stated Kathy Latimer with WPKO needs another business for the Shop Local West Liberty ad campaign.
* Lydia with the Chamber shared that Sweetie Pie's was featured in the Feb Logan Co Chamber Chat. Elle A Design has copies of the new Logan Co Visitor Bureau rack cards for 2022 if anyone wants any to pass out.
* Katie motioned to adjorn the meeting.
* Linda seconded.