

West Liberty Business Association

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at Honey Birch Farm

In attendance: Mitch & Lynette Lingrell (LT's Uniquities,) Linda Vernon (Vernon Farm,) Stacy Rees (Neer and Farm,) and Jill McKelvey, Beverly Yoder and Jayne Griffith (West Liberty Village Council,) Dave & Katie Neer (Solomon's Garage,) Tami Wenger, (Gloryland Ministries,) Lydia Hess (Logan County Chamber of Commerce,) Michelle Neer (MCC Thrift Store,) Dustin & Patti Gardner (Reality Capture Experts,) Chelsea Bray (Elle A. Design,) Craig & Linda Wilson (Peoples Savings & Loan,) Jennifer Schwaderer (People's Savings & Loan,) Rebecca Marker Smith (Green Hills Community,) Cindee Boyd (Village of West Liberty,) Jay & Kathy King (Marie's Candies,) Margaret Piatt & Jim White (Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek,) Mindie & Nathan Fish (Mindie Fish LMT,) Bob Harrison (WL Historical Society,) Roberta Yoder (Bobbi's Bungalow,) and Jeff Yoder (Concrete Homestead YouTube)

Welcome & Dinner

Mitch Lingrell, President, welcomed everyone for attending and asked Craig Wilson to offer a blessing. The meal was provided by Paul's Catering out of Urbana and included chicken breast, pulled pork, glazed carrots, green beans, cheesy potatoes, buttered baby potatoes salad, rolls and desserts. Entertainment during the meal was by Dylan Glunt.

Business

Mitch reported on the accomplishments from the last two years since there was no annual meeting in 2020 due to COVID19. He read the financial reports provided by Jon McCutcheon who is absent due to illness. Nominations were asked for the secretary position. Tami Wenger offered to serve. Roberta Yoder nominated Katie Neer. A vote was taken by a show of hands, and Katie accepted the position of secretary. Nominations were requested for the at-large position. Mitch nominated Tami Cox and Jeff Stoner. No one else was nominated. Mitch asked the WLBA board members present to vote on these two candidates and it was a split vote. Mitch will ask Jon McCutcheon to break the tie.

Jill McKelvey, Mayor of West Liberty, spoke about how special West Liberty. She shared the story about Sherman Ricketts and the dedication of the Sherman Ricketts park on May 15th at the Simon Kenton bike path. Other dates to note included May 30th for the grand re-opening of the Splash Pad and "Put a lid on it" using a grant to give away bike helmets to kids. April 30th is Arbor Day when Jeremy Keller is going to tag trees throughout the village. She also gave an update on various projects the Council is working on.

Craig Wilson was the next speaker. He reflected on how he came to West Liberty and Peoples Savings & Loan and how special small town banking has been for him. His focus has been on supporting, shepherding, and serving.

Cindee Boyd encouraged businesses to purchase a 2x3 sign to put at the bike path. They are waiving the \$150 set up fee for this year. She is also asking for items to stuff in bags for the kids with the bike helmets.

Katie updated the group on upcoming events that the WLBA is planning for the year. She encouraged everyone to take West Liberty rack cards and brochures to distribute to visitors. She announced that

anyone with a star on the back of their placemat could take home the table centerpieces, donated by Neer & Farm.

Jennifer Schwaderer spoke for the Historical Society requesting funding for the completion of the Opera House. June 10th is a Day of Giving, and they will be opening the Opera House for tours and for donations.

Margaret Piatt announced that Mac-A-Cheek Castle is hosting events this summer starting with the 200th Birthday of Abram Piatt on May 21st. She announced other summer events that can be found on their website and mywestliberty.com.

***Next month's meeting is on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at Liberty Gathering Place.**

Roberta Yoder
Outgoing WLBA Secretary