



Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 16th, 2020
12:00 PM Shamrock Restaurant
Minutes

PRESENT

Judy Wobbleton, Ila Parker, Brenda Holliday, Gemma Martin, John O'Daniel, Cameron Braddy, Zach Dickerson (note that we did not have a quorum present).

CALL TO ORDER

Judy Wobbleton called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

INVOCATION

Zach Dickerson gave the invocation.

MINUTES

Zach mailed out the minutes from the November meeting on Wednesday, 12/9 but they were evidently not delivered by today's date. He will email out the November minutes after the meeting so they can be reviewed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jeremiah was not present to give the financial report, but in the month of November we did not have any transactions, so our total balance of \$18,134.83 remains the same.

MAJOR UPDATES

Patriot House-

Due to unforeseen circumstances, some of the Patriot House's work got delayed. We applied for and were approved for a 6-month extension from the Dept. of Commerce, giving them a deadline of 7/1/2021 to finish the project. They called Zach yesterday to let him know that they are moving forward with the plans to have a fully outfitted restaurant space at 108 Washington St., known as the R&C building. They asked that if someone is interested in a restaurant space downtown to point them their way.

Mitchell Property-

As of today, the Mitchell Building is completely gone. Greg Modlin is leveling out the land and removing the barriers, after which the demolition will be complete. We could not be happier.

Christmas Window Decorating Contest with Prizes-

In past years, we have done a downtown Christmas Window Decorating Contest, with first prize being \$100 and second prize at \$50. Zach meant to bring this to the November meeting, but it slipped his mind. We discussed doing it again this year and doing the voting online again as it has been done in the past. Since it is so close to Christmas, the contest and voting can run until Old Christmas on 1/6. Because we did not have a quorum at this meeting, Zach will send the proposal out through email.

Website

The Williamston Downtown website went live in November. So far, we've gotten a positive response to it.

SS Cycle

They have not disclosed a specific opening date, but the renovations of the building are complete. They indicated to Zach that they are planning to apply for a Vibrancy Grant.

Community Theatre Project

The foundation for the stage has been placed. Chase was not present at this meeting (busy in Jamaica on his honeymoon!) to give a more thorough update. We will have more news at the January meeting.

MARTIN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

- a. The Christmas Market is now up and will be open until 12/22.
- b. The Etsy shop has been doing well. They had the third highest internet traffic during the Down East Arts Show last month.

EJ HAYES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Not present for this meeting.

MARTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE- Small Business Center.

Not present for this meeting.

WOMAN'S CLUB

No major updates.

FRIENDS OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE

Ornaments have been selling well this year, with many purchasing old ornaments to complete their collection.

MARTIN COUNTY TOURISM

Not present for this meeting.

DISCUSSION

Gemma spoke about the Williamston Community Garden's Blessings Box, which was donated by a student's senior project.

ADJOURNMENT

Judy adjourned the meeting at 12:30.