

BOD Meeting  
1-26-23

1st BOD of the Year:

Attendance: P-Elizabeth Bennett, VP-Steven Sullivan, S-Meg Lang,  
John Berger, Tricia Reay, Tara Steffens, Christie Groppe, Clare Swann,  
Laura Shockley. Not Present: T-Sue Viehland, Debbie Winters

5:15pm President Elizabeth Bennett called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report-N/A

Treasurer's Report-Not Available

- Candidate Forum: March 7th
  - ❖ Elizabeth passed around a copy of the candidate forum letter that will go out to the candidates on Feb. 15th. Any changes/updates will be made via email.
  - ❖ There will be a PD presence.
  - ❖ Tony Carosella will be live streaming and post to social media
  - ❖ Pastor Sullivan will read the questions to the candidates, screen public comment questions, and provide the PA system
  - ❖ The only cost incurred by the Chamber for this event is the \$150 Legion rental
  
- Bylaws:
  - ❖ Amendments and changes were discussed and an email vote will take place at a later date to confirm.
  
- Lawyer Update:
  - ❖ The chamber hired Adam Piontek to dissolve the old chamber and create a new 501c6. BOD signed a form to dissolve the current chamber and refile under New Haven Area Chamber of Commerce as a 501c6.
  
- Membership Guide:
  - ❖ Sponsorships-Laura Shockley asked that we include a donation section for the scholarship fund under sponsorship opportunities.
  - ❖ It was decided to remove the committee descriptions from the membership guide for the general membership.
  - ❖ It was noted by Elizabeth that many duties between committees overlap and communication between committees is key.
  - ❖ Economic Development- The goal is to pay attention to city, county, state, and federal legislation, and to update the membership as needed.
  - ❖ The BOD is responsible for committee recruitment and being knowledgeable of said committee.

- ❖ Tara Steffens motioned that we update the membership guide with the above mentioned changes. Clare Swann 2nd. All approved.

Misc:

The General Membership “meetings” are as follows:

Jan 5, 2023

June 8, 2023 (Summer Mixer @ Boeuf & Berger)

November (TBD) Officer Elections

Dec. 7, 2023 (Christmas Mixer)

Clare Swann motioned to adjourn. Christie Groppe 2nd.

Minutes submitted by:

Meg Lang

Secretary