

**New Haven Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**BOD Meeting Minutes**  
**July 6, 2023**  
**Location: NH Library-12pm**

**BOD in Attendance:** Acting President, Pastor Steven Sullivan, Secretary, Meg Lang, Treasurer, Debbie Winters, Trisha Reay, Clare Swann, Laura Shockley. Not Present: Tara Steffens

**Members in Attendance:** John Berger, Sue Viehland, Diane Accola

Pastor Sullivan called the meeting to order:

Secretary's Report given by Meg Lang. Laura Shockley motioned for approval. Clare Swann 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Debbie Winters. Clare Swann motioned for approval. Laura Kohlen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Old Business:**

1. **Lawyer Update** : No updates at this time.
2. **Downtown Cell Tower:** Meg Lang gave an update. Kathy Trentmann said the plan is for it to be put in at the end of 2023 and ready to go early 2024.

**New Business:**

1. **Balloon Glow:**

- Booth Hours are Fri 4-9pm and Sat 2-5pm.
- The Board chose pulled pork nachos as our food option.
- Clare Swann motioned to apply a liquor license with the city and a picnic license with the state in order to serve beer. Laura Kohlen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.
- Meg will reach out to Nick with Deep Sleep Brewing to see about supplying the beer.
- We will have 2 separate lines, 1 for nachos, 1 for beer.
- We will also have a Bounce House (\$350) on Saturday. Laura Shockley will reach out to FBIA to see if they will man the bounce house in exchange for a donation.
- The monkey bus will be there on Friday.
- Laura Shockley will reach out to Septic Services for porta potties.

2. **Nominations for BOD:**

- Laura Shockley nominated Erin Raedecke and Sue Viehland to the BOD. Laura Kohlen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Misc:**

- **Clare Swann:** Mocked up a quarterly newsletter to send out to members via mail & email. Put in local business, city hall.
  - **Rack cards:** 250 cards \$75 through canva.

Clare made a motion that we spend \$500 on rack cards and printing. Megan Lang 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Clare made a motion that we spend \$500 for Advertising on Facebook, Google, & print for the Balloon Glow.

Laura Kohlen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

- **Business After Hours:**

- Possible locations and dates:
  - Zia My Retreat

- Pinckney Bend B&B
- Citizens Bank

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in Sept. Oct. & Nov.

- Meg Lang motioned that we have Bee Creative make 2 banners for the Balloon Glow/Race that we will put at the water tower and Roy Bail Park. Clare 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.
- Clare motioned to set up Google Voice for our phone. Laura Shockley 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Public Comment:**

- **Laura Kohlen:** She is hosting a webinar on Aug 18<sup>th</sup> to teach parents to look for signs of grooming and human trafficking before the movie “Sound of Freedom” at the Walt Theatre. She will also be accepting donations for Pure Hope Foundation
- **Laura Shockley:** Reminded everyone about the cornhole tournament Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at Hilltop for Adam Sullentrup.
- **Pastor Sullivan:** Vacation Bible School at New Beginnings Church Aug 17-19<sup>th</sup> 6:45pm-8:30
- **Trish Reay:** Talked about Dee Dann’s book-\$35 to purchase through her, at Pratt’s or Elizabeth’s downtown. David Menke donated his time, and all proceeds will go to a scholarship in Dee’s name. Make checks payable to the New Haven Preservation Society.

Laura Shockley motioned to adjourn. Clare Swann 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Minutes Submitted by:

Meg Lang, Secretary