

# **Boulder Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting November 18, 2020**

1. Call to Order: President Bruce Binkowski called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.
2. Attendees:
  - A. Board members present: Bruce Binkowski, Sharla Samuels, Carellen Nix, Aubrie Carey, Connie Grenz, Bettie Schlueter
  - B. Members present: Howard Skjervem (NorthWestern Energy), Pat Lewis
  - C. Public present: Diana McFarland (Boulder Monitor)
3. Public Comments: Howard Skjervem asked if the Chamber knew anything about the city planning on putting in a playground in 2021. Bruce reported that he knew that the fairgrounds are looking to purchase playground equipment. Howard continued that NorthWestern Energy is looking to work with the city, schools, or other organizations (like the Chamber) to plant trees in parks or provide other charitable contributions. The group discussed the topic.
4. Community Reports: Pat Lewis gave a report about the cemetery. The cemetery is being surveyed, which will be completed in about a week.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. Carellen stated that she would like to see a separate category for paying members. Bettie moved to accept the minutes as presented, and Carellen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Treasurer's Report: Sharla reviewed the balance sheet and profit and loss statement. She received \$600 in the mail for phonebook ads. The account has \$16,632.29 plus the \$600 which has not yet been deposited. There is about \$2,300 outstanding in invoices. Carellen moved to accept the treasurer's report, and Bettie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Current Business:
  - A. December 16 holiday pizza dinner: Bruce brought up for discussion whether we should postpone due to increased COVID restrictions and cases. The group discussed. Carellen made a motion to postpone the gathering, Bettie seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Bruce will contact Carey Burnside and The

River to let them know if the decision.

8. Committee Reports:

- A. Farmer's Market: Connie reported that the Chamber usually supports the recycling from the Farmer's Market, but last year there wasn't a bill. This year it will be a maximum of \$35 per super sack (there were 13 super sacks).
- B. Garage Sale: Scheduled for June 19th, 2021
- C. Classic Car Show: Scheduled for August 28th, 2021
- D. Music and Arts Festival: Scheduled for September 11th, 2021
- E. Holiday Bazaar: Scheduled for November 20th, 2021

9. Other Business:

- A. 2021 membership renewal letter: Bruce will send letter out to membership.
- B. Part time contract employee: Bruce reported that Pat is now on the payroll and will bill us for November on December 1st. Discussion about Pat's responsibilities and duties.
- C. Ammens Building/Connie: The Ammens Building is going up for sale for \$200,000 (tentatively). The Chamber's office is housed there. The Board discussed the building. Bruce will add it as an item to the next agenda.
- D. Other: Carellen reported that we must do Chamber Board nominations this month or next month. Bruce will add it to the business for the December meeting. Connie reported that the Whitehall Chamber is doing a Christmas light contest and suggested that the Boulder Chamber could do that, too. The group discussed the idea. Connie made a motion to budget \$175 for a Christmas light contest and Carellen seconded.

10. Adjourn: Carellen moved to adjourn the meeting and Sharla seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm. The next meeting will be held on December 16th, 2020.