

# **Boulder Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting December 16, 2020**

1. Call to Order: President Bruce Binkowski called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.
2. Attendees:
  - A. Board members present: Bruce Binkowski, Carellen Nix, Aubrie Carey, Connie Grenz, Bettie Schlueter
  - B. Members present: Pat Lewis (admin)
  - C. Public present: Keith Hammonds (Boulder Monitor)
3. Public Comments: None.
4. Community Reports: None.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. Carellen moved to accept the minutes as presented, and Bettie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Treasurer's Report: Sharla was not present, but the financial report was emailed to all board members before the meeting for review.
7. Admin Report: This will be added starting in January.
8. Current Business:
  - A. Virtual Light Contest: Bruce reported that Keith Hammonds of the Boulder Monitor ran two ads for the contest. Pat reported that she has received three submissions so far. Prizes will be Visa gift cards.
  - B. Nominations for 2021 officers: Bruce reviewed that all of the board members committed to serving again for the 2021 year. Discussed the nomination process and the need to advertise for the open position on the board.
9. Committee Reports:
  - A. Farmer's Market/Recycling: Connie agreed to chair the farmer's market committee next year. Bruce will also be on the committee. She also did not receive a bill from Helena Recycling, which is good news.

- B. Garage Sale: Bettie agreed to chair the committee. Bruce will also be on the committee.
- C. Classic Car Show: Discussed whether the Kiwanis or Masons would want to put on the event. Bruce agreed to chair the committee. Bettie will also be on the committee.
- D. Music and Arts Festival: Bruce agreed to chair the committee. Aubrie will also be on the committee.
- E. Holiday Bazaar: Discussed doing the bazaar earlier in the fall outside or maybe tying it in to the Halloween event. After discussion, the board has tentatively decided to keep the bazaar indoors and in November, but will readdress the subject as the year goes on. Discussed how to get more vendors to all the events. Will decide on a committee chair later.

10. Other Business:

- A. 2021 membership renewal letter: Pat mailed the letter to all the members.
- B. Ammens Building/Connie: Connie reported that she has a list of 26 people who are willing to donate at least \$1000 to purchase the building. She needs 200 people to invest at least \$1000 to pay for the building in cash. The board discussed the subject. Bruce will keep it on the agenda to discuss at future meetings.
- C. Reschedule Chamber mixer: Will discuss later in 2021.
- D. Southwest Montana flyers: Bruce and Carellen distributed more flyers for SWMT and the Chamber received another check for \$2000.
- E. Other: Aubrie brought up the Whitehall Chamber's creativity with putting on events despite the challenges COVID presented and suggested that, in 2021, the Boulder Chamber work to also be creative in putting on events if the pandemic still hasn't subsided. Carellen thanked the Boulder Monitor for running ads for the Chamber's light contest. Pat brought up that the annual meeting is in January and discussion followed on preparations.

11. Adjourn: Carellen moved to adjourn the meeting and Bettie seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on January 20th, 2020.