

Hillside-Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

7:32 am by Rick Smolke, President

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Perez, Brandi Misale, Hanne Alajoki, Mary Badger, Linda Latelle, Loretta Bohn, Dan De La Font and Rick Smolke.

OTHERS PRESENT - Sue Hutsebaut

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion made to accept the November minutes by Rick and seconded by Jack. Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT – A balance of \$4856.76 was reported.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Linda Latelle has submitted her resignation from the chamber board to focus her attention on her Magnificent Mutts Rescue. Thank you, Linda for your service to the chamber and best of luck with your future endeavors.

Jim Marino (Village of Berkeley) and Omar Ghoneim (Berkeley Dental Care) were suggested as possible new board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Events

- Fall Fundraiser Follow-up
 - Event raised \$1137.99
 - Raffle raised \$1575.91
- Social Media Workshop
 - will be held on Thursday, January 19th at Q's Restaurant
 - Food & drinks served at 5:30 pm
 - Speaker will be Lisa Moline with MODUS Marketing Group
 - Members – Free, non-members - \$10.
- Monthly Luncheons
 - January 10th luncheon has been moved to Brothers Mexican Grill due to a conflict at WingZone
 - February 7th luncheon will be at Prima LaPizza
 - March 7th luncheon will be at WingZone
- Arlington Racecourse – Jerry has some information on available packages that he will get to the board.
- Bowling Event – Rick is contacting Stardust Bowl
- Bags Tournament – Sue suggested we work with Berkeley Park District

Membership

- Rick asked that each board member bring in one new member by the February board meeting.
 - Rick will check with Coaches Bar
 - Dan will check with Taco Express

OLD BUSINESS

- The member list was passed around so all board members present could update their liaison contacts. Once all board members have updated their contacts Sue will send the list to all the board members.

NEW BUSINESS

- School Choice Week – Loretta will review the information the chamber received and report back to the board.
- Election of Officers
 - President – Rick Smolke nominated by Hanne, 2nd by Dan - passed
 - Vice-President – Dan De La Font nominated by Jerry, 2nd by Loretta – passed
 - Treasurer – Hanne Alajoki nominated by Jerry, 2nd by Rick – passed
 - Corresponding Secretary – the board will review the bylaws and update to include Sue as an ex-officio member to assume the secretary position.
- Dan suggested we have a monthly business networking group at a local bar for social gathering and networking with fellow chamber members. It was decided to start on January 26th at Stimac's Restaurant and continue on the last Thursday of each month. We will meet at 5:30 pm, come when you can, leave when you must.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Rick to adjourn at 8:35 am and seconded by Jerry. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Sue Hutsebaut