

# W.C.B.A. BOARD MEETING

Wednesday afternoon, April 10, 2019

Woodstock Wine and Deli, S.E. 41st and Woodstock Boulevard, 5:30 p.m.

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PRESENT: Thad Davis, Payroll On Time Inc.

Elisa Edgington, VCA Woodstock Animal, Hospital

Eric Norberg, *THE BEE*, 503/232-2326, [readthebee@myexcel.com](mailto:readthebee@myexcel.com)

Nancy Chapin, TSG Services

Stacey Lennon, Payroll On Time, Inc.

Susan Williams, KeyBank

Peggy McCafferty, New Seasons & Woodstock. Farmers Market

Ann Sanderson, Odango! Hair Studio [*and*] FotoSnap

Rod Weick, Ross Island Earlyrisers Kiwanis Club

President Thad Davis called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m., and began by inviting those present for the meeting to introduce themselves, around the table, in turn. He determined that the WCBA ByLaws' requirements for a quorum had been met, so he requested the Board review and consider for approval the March Board Meeting minutes. Stacey Lennon moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, and Ann Sanderson seconded the motion, which went on to carry unanimously.

The first item of business on the agenda involved Stacey Lennon, our representative to Venture Portland, to which the Board voted to renew our annual membership at our March meeting. However, Stacey reported that the dues required of WCBA suddenly are revealed to have considerably increased over last year, and over the preliminary assessment this year, because as a group we are now considered "just over the 'size' line", and are now in a higher category. Stacey has proposed, because of the huge jump from last year's dues and the late notice of the increase, that we pay \$650 this year instead of the newly-requested \$850, and then pay \$850 renewal next year. Venture Portland has not responded to this proposal, and she will follow up on it. We also have requested a delay in meeting the dues deadline to allow for this conversation with Venture Portland. Then Susan Williams moved that we pursue this request, but pay the \$850 in the end, if we must; Nancy Chapin seconded; votes cast were all "yes", but with four abstentions. In explaining his own abstention, Eric Norberg said that our previous vote to go ahead and pay the dues had not been rescinded and thus was still in force, so the motion was unnecessary. However, since there was a voting quorum present and there had been no "no" votes, this motion did carry.

Elisa Edgington next made a Treasurer's Report. Our current balance is \$21,782.01, including the funds received from Venture Portland in the \$10,000 matching grant for the construction of "pocket parks" up and down the Woodstock Boulevard business district. She pointed out that our annual "officers insurance" policy payment is now due; Ann Sanderson voted it be paid, Stacey Lennon seconded, and the motion carried. As usual, Eric Norberg expressed the desire to be excluded from this insurance coverage, but it is unclear if that is possible, or that it would be financially beneficial to WCBA if he were.

Elisa reported that the Chavez Community Garden on S.E. 39th is now being run by Portland Parks, but the former source of donated water is no longer available, and Parks required that the garden to obtain its own source of water, as a condition of overseeing it. Fundraising resulted in the \$8,000 necessary to install water service, and it has been installed. WCBA now has been asked to donate funds to the garden; Peggy McCafferty moved we donate \$250, and Elisa Edgington seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Elisa also serves on our ad-hoc “Website Committee”, and she summarized the subjects covered in early committee discussions; no decisions have been made yet. The next meeting of the committee is on April 30 at Woodstock Wine and Deli.

Elisa also reported that all but four of our Woodstock utility pole banners have already been removed, and they and their brackets are stored at the Woodstock VCA Animal Hospital for possible future repurposing.

Reporting for the Woodstock Farmers Market, Peggy McCafferty said that the upcoming annual “Volunteers Meeting”, which is also open to the public, will be on May 5, 5-7 p.m. The market is still seeking new Board Members to fill several vacant seats.

Sage Jensen, Chair of the Woodstock Neighborhood Association, was unable to be present, but sent by e-mail a brief WNA Report to President Thad to read at the meeting. She said that at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Woodstock Community Center there will be a large meeting to hear more about the proposed apartment development of the “Joinery Block”. And, she also reported that PBOT is looking into the possibility of providing dedicated left-turn signals on Woodstock Boulevard, in both directions, at S.E. 52nd.

Rod Weick of the Ross Island Earlyrisers Kiwanis Club, which meets at IHOP on S.E. 82nd, was present, and offered to sell \$5 tickets to a club fundraising “wine auction”. He had several takers for his tickets.

President Thad revealed that he had met with Thomas Jarosinski, a neighborhood resident who proposes a promotion for Woodstock – a three-day music festival to commemorate the “Woodstock Music Festival” held exactly fifty years ago in New York State. The Board seemed to be bemused over how commemorating it three thousand miles from where it took place could be made relevant to our neighborhood (other than the obvious common use of “Woodstock”), and none of the Board members expressed much interest in pursuing the idea. However, his proposal was appreciated and is incorporated into these minutes by reference.

Thad pointed out that if we are going to have a “Woodstock Gives Back” promotion this year, we need to get going on it and move forward – and the man who stepped up to Chair it previously at a WCBA Board Meeting has not attended a meeting since, or communicated with us about the promotion further. Stacey Lennon said she is willing to Chair the committee, “but will not run it by myself.” Brief further discussion of the promotion this year.

With no other business on the agenda or offered from the floor, President Thad Davis announced the meeting as being adjourned at 6:32 p.m.