

W.C.B.A. BOARD MEETING

Tuesday morning, December 12, 2017

Woodstock Branch Library, S.E. 49th and Woodstock Boulevard, 9:30 am

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PRESENT: Thad Davis, Payroll On Time

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

Eric Norberg, *THE BEE*, 503/232-2326, readthebee@myexcel.com

Nancy Chapin, TSG Services

Susan Williams, KeyBank

Stacey Lennon, Portland Tribune

Cory Hansen, City Sanitary

Matt Cavis, Advantis Credit Union

Steve O'Flynn, Edward Jones

Marci Pelletier, Shwop

Michael Carroll, Healthy Pets NW

Barb Cantonwine, Healthy Pets NW

President Thad Davis called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., and invited self-introductions around the room.

Matt Cavis announced that the new Woodstock Advantis Credit Union branch should be having its “soft opening” on Monday, January 8, with its full opening by January 20.

President Davis asked for a review of the October 10 Board Meeting minutes, after which Stacey Lennon moved they be approved with one minor amendment; Cory Hansen seconded, and the motion carried without objection.

Cory Hansen next presented his monthly WCBA financial report: We currently have \$5,390.52 in our bank account. He passed around a few copies of our full monthly financial report.

Stacey Lennon offered a report from the WCBA Ambassador Committee. She has contacted a new business moving into Woodstock, and has also had a membership inquiry from a local business. The monthly WCBA Mixer will be next week at Lutz Tavern, 5:30-7:30 p.m., and our Annual Meeting will be on Monday evening, February 6, 6-8 p.m., held once again at Key Bank, courtesy of Susan Williams. Key Bank has also decided to sponsor the meeting this year. Stacey and Susan added that volunteers are most welcome to join them on the meeting's planning committee.

The discussion begun last month concerning the possibility of WCBA hiring a paid contractor, on a limited schedule, to help us manage WCBA, restarted at this meeting; once again the critical issue to be resolved in proceeding with such an idea seemed to be to make sure such a hire has no significant impact on our remaining financial reserves – which were, as Eric Norberg again reminded, severely depleted with no real advantage to WCBA by our previous part-time Manager. Cory Hansen remarked that keeping such a hire from negatively impacting our finances is a critical point to him. This ongoing discussion will be continued at a later date.

There was nobody present representing the Woodstock Farmers Market; but Susan Williams of Key Bank, upon whose parking lot the Sunday market occurs, reported that the Thanksgiving “Harvest Market” was believed very successful.

No representative from either the Woodstock Neighborhood Association or the Brentwood Darlington Neighborhood Association was present, so there were no reports to WCBA from either association again this month.

The Woodstock Stakeholders Group was successful with their grant request from Venture Portland for waste receptacles on Woodstock Boulevard, but nobody from that group was able to appear at our meeting today to discuss it. WCBA and WNA were partners in that grant; WNA is providing insurance coverage for the receptacles.

At this point in the meeting, Ann Sanderson touched on the ticket process for our Annual Meeting on February 6, and then went on to bring up the recently-announced plans for a Multnomah County Homeless Shelter, proposed for a spot on Foster Road that had formerly been home to a Blockbuster Video store – and an upcoming public meeting concerning it. She suggested to those present possibly attending the meeting. Eric Norberg observed that he lives four blocks from the Multnomah County Homeless Shelter opened in north Westmoreland several months ago, and that which is sited next to private residences and a few businesses, without any problems or impact upon the community so far.

Two visitors at the meeting from Healthy Pets NW introduced themselves, and said that their business is now open in the Safeway shopping center block – and that they are happy to be in Woodstock. There followed brief comments and gossip about new businesses and business changes in the Woodstock and Brentwood-Darlington neighborhoods.

Thad Davis brought up new Oregon-mandated tax requirements which will become effective in January – one being the requirement of the availability of a retirement plan (at least a 401K plan) by Oregon employers, with employees automatically enrolled unless they specifically opt out. Another is that a small amount of money is to be withheld from employee salaries, starting in January, to fund the recently-enacted Oregon Transportation Plan.

There being no other business on the agenda, or brought up from the floor, President Thad Davis adjourned the meeting, with Holiday greetings to all, at 10:14 a.m.