**Floyd County Chamber of Commerce**

Board of Directors/Membership Meeting

Date: Monday, July 26, 2021 at Floyd Town Hall

**Minutes**

Present: Board- Craig Chancellor, Beth Burgess, Scott Griffin, Ann Bower, Susan Brickhouse (Zoom), John Carter, Alee Epperly (Zoom), Karin Grosshans, Jennifer Miller, Grayson Rudd, Lori Saltus, Stephanie Yates (Zoom), David Whitaker. Staff: John McEnhill

Board Chair, Craig Chancellor called the meeting to order at 12:03pm.

Beth Burgess moved to approve agenda as presented, Gray Rudd seconded, motion carried.

John Carter moved to approve the June meeting minutes, Lori Saltus seconded, motion carried.

Ann Bower moved to approve the treasurer’s report for June and year end, Scott seconded, motion carried. John reported that there is a chance that the chamber could get funding from the Rebuild VA grant application that was submitted Nov 9th for $7991 if the governor adds a third round of supplemental funding for the program. Chamber is likely now high enough on the waiting list.

Lori Saltus moved to approve the following board member absences, Beth Burgess seconded, motion carried.

* James Cabler, Amanda Lawrence, Vickie Spangler, Derek Wall, and Andy Finn

Jennifer Miller moved to approve Little River Farm’s membership, Karin Grosshans seconded, motion carried.

John McEnhill reported that to date, chamber received 103 FY2021-22 dues renewals for a total of $9,307 compared to 87 dues payments/$8,269 for previous year. 2 members declined to renew for reasons not related to satisfaction with chamber membership.

John provided updates on the following

* Business After Hours – late August event possible but not likely, SOS set to host a Sept 21st event at new location
* Visitor Center Operations (staffing, MOU)
* Visitor Guide – will be distributing new guides in July, working to have ready by FloydFest.
* Transition/Chamber Staffing – John anticipates leaving ED position in next few months, presented some interim staffing arrangements and will continue discussing with Executive Committee
* Floyd Yoga Jam Volunteers – Chamber can get a contribution for chamber volunteers working at event, John to follow up with board members who volunteered
* Chantilly Farm – sold and starting operations under new name – Floyd Family Campground, John will check on status of holding Spooktacular there again but has back up option as well.
* Pat’s Retirement Party on July 30th, 2-4pm at Floyd library community meeting room.

Discussions

* Due to an incident involving a male visitor’s inappropriate behavior with a female staff at Visitor Center, the following board members volunteered to put together a “Strategies for Men Behaving Badly” presentation targeted toward younger female staff working in local businesses: Lori Saltus, Jennifer Miller, Beth Burgess, Ann Bower, Alee Epperly, and Susan Brickhouse.
* Rubber Duck Race – updates on board participation: Karin – who is heading up the food booth – needs four people. Susan – who his handling getting sold ducks into the tractor bucket – needs up to two people. Jennifer volunteered for prep with Chris Miller contributing Little Debbie desserts. Ann Bower will be volunteering and said her son and daughter in law can help. Alee will help with food.
* Brief discussion about doing a booth with wading pool with ducks at the county fair for toddlers. Nothing finalized.

John Carter moved for adjournment at 12:56pm, Beth Burgess seconded, motion carried.