

January 8, 2014  
Downtown Arlington Business Association

Mike Britt, new President, called the meeting to order at 9:05am at the Quiltmakers Shoppe. Twelve people were present.

After introductions, it was announced that the official installation of the new Board would be on January 14<sup>th</sup> during the Chamber meeting at the Medallion Hotel.

Everyone received the minutes of the previous meeting in an email. Nola moved to accept them as written. Debbie seconded the motion and it was passed.

Treasurer's report: There is a \$23,721.77 balance as of December 31, 2013. We also have \$167.00 in the Buy Local account at Skagit State Bank. After a short discussion, it was moved and seconded to close the account at Bank of America and transfer the funds to Skagit State Bank. The Buy Local funds will be transferred in the general account as a reimbursement to DABA. We already have an account number in our chart of accounts so it will be a simple move. Laurie Landis of Skagit Bank will get the paper work started, then the Board members can go in and sign the paperwork.

Hometown Holidays: The bill for radio advertising (\$496.00) was approved and a check will be mailed. Playa Bonita, the Bluebird, and Brooster's Restaurant all donated lunch for Mark and his helpers on the wagon rides. Be sure to thank them when you visit those restaurants.

Electronic sign: The wording on the header was discussed. Concerns being if we need a header at the top of the sign and what it should say. Mike asked about the status of the city grant to cover half the cost and Marilyn the indicated that she had just been informed in writing that the city rejected the grant proposal. Mike asked about the Sign code changes that went into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. Marilyn said she had received a verbal ok but that some changes must be done to the size and design. No permit to do the sign has been issued by the city to date and no documents have been found that state the city has ok the sign's current design.

Mary Jane Harmon has requested funding for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks this year. We then learned that the Rotary is going to take on the project.

Street Fair: Mike stated the need to get that going on organizing the event. Marilyn will contact a couple of people who have expressed an interest in working on the Street Fair.

It was suggested by Mike that we hire a paid event planner to oversee the Street Fair. Nola moved that we allow up to \$1000 for an event coordinator this year. Tami seconded the motion. Discussion followed about sending out a proposal for this job. Sarah Lopez offered to create a proposal draft for the Board to review.

Eagle Festival: Sarah passed out fliers for the Eagle Festival, which is Friday Jan. 31st and Saturday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.