



Downtown Arlington Business Association

Member Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023

6-7 PM

Platinum Real Estate – 104 S. Olympic Ave. Suite 104

- **Opening Business**

- **Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Meeting called to order and Member Quorum Confirmed – Members in attendance:** Cathy Szechenyi – Platinum Real Estate/ Cristy Brubaker – Brubaker Ent. At Sassafras/ Jay Blodgett- Movement Mortgage/ Jeri Rugtvedt – BeCozy Fleece/ Cristina Badger – Platinum Real Estate/ Rich Senff- Former Action Sports/ Catherine Wesley – Frolicsome Dog Walks & Bibliogoblin/ Sheryl Fote – West Ave. Barber/ Jenie Jones – Bay Equity/ Whitney Warner- Coastal Bank/ Janell Lewis – Coastal Bank/ Rachel Zuentenhorst – Savvy Garden & Home/ Nigi Fisher – Party On/ Randy Nobach – Nobach Trucking/ Lauren Hammond – Hammon Bread/ Amy & Eric Bergemeier – Windemere Realty/ Kerry McGhie/ Mary Keil/Sarah Lopez- City of Arlington/ Cole Reinhardt – In the Shadow Brewing/ Diane Kreig – Stilly Valley Chamber/ Roger Miller – Arlington Health Food & Katelyn’s Corner
- **Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by motion of Jeri Rugtvedt & Cole Rinehardt.**
- **President’s Minute** – President Jenie shared with the upcoming events we can always use volunteers.
- **Treasurer/Admin Report – 120+ members, finances are doing well – we do have some outstanding invoices, which are billed quarterly. The new policy for the 530 Board will be if payment is not received by the end of month one of the quarter and the space will be offered to another interested business. Jeri also explained the billing process and requested that if the email process for billing isn’t appropriate for your business – please let her know what you prefer.**
- **Secretary Report – Cristy reported that all Lodging Tax Grant Applications made by the Downtown Arlington Business Association for 2024 funding were approved as follows: Tourism Brochure Distribution for 2024/Arlington Street Fair/Hometown Holidays**

- **Old Business**

- **IT Update** – Website is still in process and corrections will be made as identified – if there is a correction to your information, please let us know asap and submission of logos and photos is best done in pdf & jpg format. The goal is to have everything 99% complete by the end of the year. There will be an archive page with previous meetings, minutes and agendas and the website will continue to be a living document as we grow.
- **Hometown Halloween** - Event was a success, it was suggested that the Boy Scouts ask as crossing guards during the events. Window Display went to Mountain Sol and Best Costume & Set up went to John L Scott.
- **Hometown Holidays** – Jenie reviewed all the wonderful events planned: Shop Local Saturday, Santa Parade, Charm Walk, Stilly Valley Christmas Book, free carousel, and Ferris wheel.
- **Elections** –Nominations forms were distributed, and the election will be held at the December meeting.

- **New Business** – None

- **Closing Business** –

- **Business Show Case** –

- **Be Cozy Fleece:** Jeri Rugtvedt of Be Cozy Fleece shared that she started her business in 2009 making Fleece Blankets and selling them at events. She enjoys sharing these hand made items with her customers young and old and can make custom items upon request. They are great for kids and people with disabilities love them. She is also open to making donations to benefit local non-profits.

Sizes are – small \$35/med \$45/Large \$55/XL (Queen Size) \$65. She shared a picture of one of her blankets showing a roaring fire – with the homage “Cozy, Hugged & Blessed. She has fabric swatches as samples, and you can go to Joann Fabric and find what they have in stock, and she will try and get it. They are also great for Ferris Wheel Rides and Sporting events. Orders for Christmas must be received by December 1, 2023, and she will deliver across Snohomish County.

- **Platinum Realty:** Cathy Szechenyi, owner of Platinum Realty shared they had hoped to open their business in 2020 but then Covid arrived – then the space sharing opportunity became available with Olympic Escrow it was meant to be. Cathy has 21 years of real estate experience and her husband is involved in new home construction and remodels. All agents have 8-31 years of experience and Cristina Badger and others from her old office help with training and hiring of new agents. Every agent is from the Arlington area and excited to be here. Their official opening was May 1, 2023. Check out their Facebook page – it has over 200 pictures.
- **Mary Anderson** – Candidate for Snohomish County Superior Court Judge. Married for 36 years with an interesting career starting with a construction firm, then a brokerage firm and real estate. She then went to law school and started her own law firm. Twice she tried cases in front of the Supreme Court, also federal court, as a trial attorney and a transaction attorney. She truly believes in the checks and balances of the court system and upholding the law and constitution. She is beholding to the people and continues to love learning.
- **Diane Kreig of the Stilly Valley Chamber:**
 - **November 16 at 6:15 PM there will be a Washington State Retail professional presenting information in the City Council Chambers.**
- **Don Vanney** – Keep doing all the good work to draw people to Arlington!
- **Drawings –**
 - **Candy – Eric Bergermeier**
 - **Cookies – Ryley Nelson**
 - **Plant – John L Scott**
 - **Blanket– Cole Reinhardt**
 - **530 Board – Coastal Bank**
- **Showcase Members December – Frolicsome Dog Walks/ Hammond Bread**
- **Next Meeting – December 6 in Arlington City Council Chambers**

Respectfully submitted –

Cristy L Brubaker, Secretary