

Meeting Minutes for January 3rd DABA Member Meeting

MEETING DETAILS.

Location: **Arlington Chamber of Commerce, 103 E Third Street, Arlington WA 98223**

Meeting Facilitator: **Shane Henderson, President**

Secretary: **Lauren Hunter, Secretary**

Date: **January 3 2024** Time: **18:00 PM**

ATTENDEES.

Shane Henderson (Henderson Hauling/Arlington Pickers), Lauren Hunter (Action Sports) Don and Kathy Vanney (City of Arlington), Joy Blodgett (Movement Mortgage), Cathy Szechenyi (Platinum Real Estate), Gina and Chad Hilker (Grocery Outlet), Ryan Bennett (Bonaventure Coffee) Shelley Bennett (Valiant Tax Solutions), Donna Waldahl (Save the Day Floral), Flynn Kennedy (Geneology Library), Tiffany Roth (Windemere), Cole Reinhardt (In the Shadow Brewing), John King (The Alley), Randy Nobach (Nobach Trucking), Kevin Morgan, William and Heather Greenberg (Northern Comfort), Eric and Amy Bergemier (John L. Scott), Catherine Wesley (Bibliogoblin/Frolicsome), David Graves (Farmers), Cleda Thompson (Ma and Pa Kettle), Janell Lewis (Coastal Bank), Trish and Jeff Forsell (Bits and Pieces), Joe Corcoran, Jamie Nelson (Anytime Fitness), Whitney (Coastal Bank), Daisha Kantola (Blissfull Massage), Jeri Rugtvedt (Be Cozy Fleece), Mamy Fruge (Sassafras), Paula (Found It)

PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES.

The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

The agenda for this meeting was distributed and approved.

REPORTS.

There are no reports distributed at the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Item #1: IT Website Update

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Details: In December, the point of contact changed, there is a meeting next week and payment online is coming. Cost has been reduced due to time it has taken, it will now be \$75 a month for maintenance, should see large improvement going forward.

Item #2: 2024 Street Fair

Details: Feb 2nd is the deadline for Street Fair payment. Only a handful of spaces are left.

Item #3: 530 Media Board

Details: The Media Board is full but there will be a spot open on Feb 15th, please contact Jeri if you are interested.

Item #4: Tourism Brochure

Details: Shane is working on updating Tourism brochure to be current.

NEW BUSINESS.

Item #1: New Office Space Needed

Details: New Office space is needed for DABA. Lauren explains that the current office space located in Action Sports, in which DABA pays \$500 yearly, is no longer available to DABA. There is a space available in the STILLCO building, located on Third Street across from the Police Station that is available for \$850 a month. It is imperative that DABA acts fast and makes a decision if they would like this space as downtown rental space is very hard to get. It was discussed that his price was very fair for what it was and that the space includes all internet and garbage and electricity.

Item #2: Raising Dues to \$100 per year

Details: In order to afford new office space, DABA would need to raise dues to \$100 a year for each member. Lauren and Jeri explained that DABA has very low upfront costs and has never raised dues, and that this is imperative to be able to keep a presence and have a secure and safe office space downtown.

Cleda motions to raise dues to \$100, Deisha 2nds the motion. The motion passes to raise dues to \$100 yearly for members.

Item #3: Volunteering

Details: Discussion on how to get information on volunteer info, Shane will get information out on how to volunteer.

OTHER ITEMS.

Item #1: Open Discussion

Details: David Graves asks when DABA would likely be moving to the new office space, it is noted that they would be moving by the end of January.

Whitney from Coastal volunteers for the spotlight in March meeting.

Item #2: Meeting Spotlight

Details: Catherine Wesley of Bibliogoblin and Frolicsome is the January business spotlight.

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She starts by wanting to thank all the merchants and finds everyone so friendly and helpful. She shared that she started writing when her kids were older, that she enjoys writing fantasy. She has a new book about the dogs that she has written, particular the dogs in Arlington. They are short stories and you may recognize the different areas in town. Hometown Holidays make an appearance in one story. Local history and Country Charm dairy and development is in the book. She used the story to process the change in the area. She is looking for places that may be helpful to sell the book. Nudges from a Wet Nose is the name of the book.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting ended at 18:49 PM.

Minutes submitted by: _____ Print Name: Lauren Hunter,
Secretary

Approved by: _____ Print Name: Shane Henderson, President

