

Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce
Minutes
January 15, 2015

Members Present: Lindsay Hubers, Martha White, Karen Fisher, Jerry Stubberfield, Dianne Bowen, Butch Harris and Diana Lambeth, Ex. Director.

Members Absent: Ed Drew, Ricky Radcliff

President Bowen called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Jerry Stubberfield and seconded by Martha White to approve the minutes of the December 2014 meeting as submitted. Motion passed.

The financial report was presented by the Executive Director.

General Fund \$	\$9,873.20
Gift Shop:	\$ 760.00
Wildlife:	\$ 2,282.29
Business Guide:	\$ 1998.64

The Ex. Director offered to reimburse the Chamber for products not used at the Chamber Open House. Martha White made a motion the Chamber absorb the cost. Motion seconded by Karen Fisher. Motion passed.

Executive Directors Report:

1. Christmas Festival and Parade was a success considering the short time we had to prepare for it. Suggest we start planning in September or earlier next year.
2. Chamber Open House: Everyone who attending enjoyed themselves. Suggest we publicize earlier next year.
3. CONE Meeting: Director attended her first Chambers of the Northeast meeting at Scotch Hall Preserve. Cone is a group of Chamber Directors from the Northeast Region who get together to share ideas and concerns. The next meeting will be in Belhaven on Friday, January 23, 2015.
4. January Goals:
 - a. Place our events in Festival Magazine, Southern Living, Our State and other publications.
 - b. Prepare a budget with the assistance of the BOD.
 - c. Get new signature cards from all three banks with which we have accounts.
 - d. Set up all checking accounts in Quick Books and begin using
 - e. Send out two Chambergrams per month or as needed

Old Business:

1. By-Laws: Jerry Stubberfield. A discussion was held concerning the proposed changes. In lieu of replacing the 3 vacant positions on the BOD, Karen Fisher

suggested that the number of Directors be reduced from 12 members to 7. Most organizations do not have more than a 7 member Board of Directors. All present agreed that this was a good idea and that members would understand the importance of attending all meetings. The proposed by-law changes will be voted on at our February Meeting.

2. Caboose: Stan Lamkin is still working on this project. He reported that he had received several significant anonymous donations to the caboose fund. It will take about \$15,000 to restore. The Ex. Director will put a "call for donations" in the Chambergram and Newsletters. Discussion was held about opening the caboose up for tours for special occasions. In order to do this the existing deck would need to be expanded. In addition, the Chamber would need some place to store the things that are in the caboose. It was suggested that we contact the Washington Daily News about doing a feature on the Caboose, asking for donations from the public. It was brought up that Wells Fargo has grant money that we can apply for.
3. Lights for Downtown Trees: Diane Bowen stated that we already have several people/businesses that are willing to donate \$200 per tree to help cover the cost (The Tavern at Jack's Neck, Jeannie and Rich DeParis, Dianne Edwards). Plaques will be put on the trees. Diana Lambeth will talk with Paul Woods about installing once the weather warms up.

Meeting adjourned.