



People Business Government
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Officers/Business Meeting Minutes
May 10th, 2017
Chen's Asian Grill

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS PRESENT: Greg Schaale, Anna Hansen, Jason Wiedel, Diane Sheldon, Sammy Edwards, Carol Wiedel

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Fun Hunt Recap

While the Fun Hunt did not generate significant profit, guests and business participants considered it a fun, community building success. A second Fun Hunt next year is being considered. The chamber also agreed to donate \$250 to "It's A Start - Surry Emergency Services & Food Pantry".

- Formation of a Broadband and Economic Development Committee

While no "official" committee was formed, the chamber decided to reach out to the County Attorney's office and the Economic Development Authority to determine if the chamber can help clear any hold ups in getting broadband internet into Surry County.

- Formation of Committee to Gather Town Hall/Board of Supervisor Monthly Agenda

This committee is still being considered.

- Chamber Involvement with Pork Peanut Pine?

The chamber concluded that the chamber won't have a booth at the festival, but will help promote the event on social media.

- Next Meeting Location

The chamber meeting will be held at Hampton Roads Winery for the Surry Leadership Summit. The Date is TBA

EXTRA TOPICS:

- **Surry Leadership Summit**

The Chamber proposed hosting an event at Hampton Roads Winery that would invite civic leaders, businesses owners and citizens who are interested in promoting unity in the county. The event will be held in June, the date will be determined by the County Administrator's schedule.

- **Community Center Focus Group**

The Chamber was asked to participate in a focus group to discuss the possibility of a new community center.

- **Connecting with the Virginia Chamber of Commerce**

The Chamber touched on the benefits of connecting with the Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

ACTION PLAN:

- The Chamber will reach out to County Administrator Tyrone Franklin to determine a date for the summit. The intent is to have him as a main speaker for the event.

(point person: Anna Hansen)

- The Chamber will donate \$250 to "It's a Start - Surry Emergency Services & Food Pantry".

(point person: Diane Sheldon)

- The Chamber will reach out to the County Attorney's Office (Bill Hefty) and the Economic Development Authority to determine any holdups in getting broadband internet into Surry County.

(point person: Sammy Edwards)

- The chamber will look into participating in the focus group for a new community center in Surry County.

(point person: Anna Hansen)

- The chamber will reach out to the Virginia Chamber of Commerce to begin dialogue to share ideas and resources.

(point person: Sam Edwards)

The meeting was adjourned around 7:30PM

Submitted by Sammy Edwards, Secretary

The next meeting will be held at Hampton Roads Winery. Date TBD.