

Walnut Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, July 22, 2020.

Location: Liberty Square

Attendees: Tracey Schoff, Sandy Green, Brian Smith, Jan McDonald, Pam Turner, Angie Florschuetz and Brent Jamison

Brent called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. Jan made a motion to approve. Pam seconded.

Brent presented the Treasurer's Report from June. Brian made a motion to approve the report. Tracey seconded.

Main Street Update - Liberty Square continues to meet. First concert at the square was held on July 9th with a lot of positive feedback. Next concert will be Thursday, July 30th with Matt Eckberg.

Fall Fest on Main - Brent started the discussion stating that everyone's opinions should be respected on whether we should have the event, how the event could be adjusted and if we should cancel. Options were discussed on how to spread the event out throughout Main Street to allow for better social distancing. Health Department provided Brent guidelines for outdoor events. It was decided not to ask for sponsorships this year due to the possibility of the event having to be cancelled even up to the week of the event if an outbreak in our area happened. It was decided by the board to wait until the August meeting to further assess the COVID situation and possibly not make a decision until September after the kids have returned to school.

PPP Non-Profit Loan - The Walnut Days Committee had approached Brent about applying for a PPP loan for non-profits since Walnut Days lost income this year. Brent also stated the amount Chamber will be missing out throughout the rest of the year. A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Brian to fill out an application for a PPP loan for the Chamber, and on behalf of Walnut Days, due to event losses this year.

Telephone Directories - In old business, Brent re-visited the idea of producing new Telephone Directories. The last Directory was published in 2015-16. Many have approached different Chamber Board members about putting together a new version. All in agreement this will be a project to begin with the goal of Chamber Banquet 2021 in March completion.

Tracey made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Walnut Chamber of Commerce will be held on Tuesday, August 11 at Liberty Square.