

St Johns Business Boosters General Meeting

April 19, 2017

Board members: Risa Davis, Jean Swartz, Mike Johnson, Deanna Cantrell, Cristina Mirano, Charlie Te, Nancy Arvesen
Introductions of 14 attendees.

Past minutes—motion to approve by Jean Swartz. Seconded by Risa Davis. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Charlie is in negotiations with Venture PDX concerning our dues.

Membership—Great fun was had by those stuffing envelopes on Thursday, April 14. Letters were mailed to all businesses in St Johns on Friday, April 14, 2017.

St Johns Boosters Shred Day will take place on May 2 from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the Eagles parking lot on N Lombard and N Exeter. Please contact Risa Davis if you are willing to help with this event. Mike Johnson will lend us two sandwich boards to help advertise the event. This is a fundraiser for the tree lights.

The St Johns Business Building Networking Group will meet the first Wednesday of each month at the John Street Café at 7:30 AM. Come and meet your business neighbors.

Guest Speaker: Joel Metlen - Oregon Retirement Savings Plan (Oregon Saves).

The state is working to create a system that is easy and cost effective for businesses to offer retirement plans for employees. This is a pilot project that is looking for volunteers at this time. The State mandate will be implemented in Jan of 2020. There is a facebook page and there is information on the State website.

Joel will send the blurb about the project to Mary Ann Aschenbrenner to post on our website. He is also creating a FAQ page.

St Johns Celebrates SMALL is a Venture PDX sponsored program for all of Portland. Take a selfie in front of your favorite small business and send it to them to possibly win a prize.

Mike Johnson once again talked about the need for grant writers, grant researchers, or folks who would like to be part of a grant group to give input. We are in need of money to renovate the marquees.

Community Events:

April 22:

Friends of Pier Park clean up from 9:00–1:00.

St Johns Ace Hardware plant swap all day.

Dia de los Ninos y Dia de los Libros at the library from 2:00–4:00.

Cathedral Park Arts benefit concert at Fix'n 2 from 6:00–10:00.

Speakeasy sponsored by the Center of Opportunity at the St Johns Bachelor's Club from 7:00–10:00.

Make a day of it in St Johns.

April 29: St Johns clean up from 10:00–4:00. Meet in the parking lot on N Charleston and N Central. There will also be a plant swap.

May 2: St Johns Boosters Shred Day from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the Eagles parking lot on N Lombard and N Exeter.

May 6: Marimba workshop at Cathedral Park Arts.

May 13: St Johns Parade and Bizarre.

May 17: St Johns Business Boosters meeting at the John Street Café from 7:15 to 9:00 AM.

Submitted by Nancy Arvesen