

St Johns Business Boosters General meeting minutes

Sept 20, 2017

Board present: Beth Preciso, Cristina Marino, Jean Schwartz, Risa Davis, Mary Ann Aschenbrenner, Deanna Cantrell, Mike Johnson, Nancy Arvesen

Member introductions.

Minutes from last meeting. There were no copies so they were not voted on. Need to do this in Oct. Vote on Aug and Sept meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report: We have \$3494.30 in the bank account. We owe Ace Hardware for the rent of the lift truck for the lights \$800.00.

IT/Communications report: Mary Ann Aschenbrenner working with our new intern Brandon Rivera on a Venture PDX grant for the banners in St Johns. Both of them attending the Venture PDX grant training and will use the help that this group offers.

Businesses that have not renewed their memberships will be taken off the website by the beginning of Oct. Mary Ann has added messages to the website so that all will know this is happening.

Membership: We now have 53 members. Please continue to talk to your business neighbors and encourage them to join.

Business District Relations: Andy (foreman for the site) told Beth that the Union at St Johns is on time to finish. He believes that N Lombard will be open by Nov 1 (hurrah). Beth is working with others to plan a opening of the street party.

Promotions: Halloween Walk will be from 1:00-3:00 on Saturday, October 28.

Night Out on the Town will be November 17-18. Hopefully the street opening celebration will be on Sat.

Operations: Will be putting out the cans for the tree lights. Need everyone to talk this up to their business neighbors and to have a can in their business.

Land Use: Along with the St Johns Neighborhood Association and the St Johns Center for Opportunity, the Boosters (Mike Johnson president and rep) signed and sent a letter to the City concerning the plans for the Central Hotel project. We are looking forward to an open discussion.

Guest Speaker: April Hasson, representative for the St Johns/ Cathedral Park Sewer Project. This project will start early in 2018, possibly in January. There will be some street closures involved; however, they will be doing much of the work at night.

New Business: There will be elections for Board members at the November 15 meeting. Please bring any ideas or nominations to the October meeting.

We continue to need volunteers for marquee management; tree lights, and banners. Greg Bair volunteered to help Beth Preciso with the marquees this week. We will be putting out cans for tree lights very soon.

Adjourn-- Submitted by Nancy Arvesen