

VANKLEEK HILL

Business and Merchant Association

June 18, 2019 at Arbor Gallery

PRESENT: Pat Deacon (President co-chair), Miria Baliddawa (Treasurer), Adele Robert (Secretary), Emily Gallagher and Deborah Jackson (Directors).

ABSENT: Louise Sproule (President co-chair), Ben Martin (Vice-President), Laura Cross and Les Hatz (Directors).

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Welcome

2. Quorum

This requirement has been met.

3. The Minutes of the May 21st meeting were approved by Pat and seconded by Deborah.

4. Speaker Karen Mengarelli – Digital Main street – absent

5. Financials

* Financial statement was presented by Miria and reviewed by the Board members and she confirms that they are up-to-date. The financials are approved by Adele and seconded by Emily.

6. Membership

* The membership list counts over 40 paid members. However, there are still many outstanding. This situation was discussed amongst the Board members.

7. Newsletter, Facebook

* The newsletter is published on a regular basis and Deborah is always looking for content. Members provide little or no feedback to the Board for insertion into the newsletter. The BMA does not consider it is our responsibility to solicit information from members. A special newsletter will be sent to all members regarding this issue.

* Pat tabled the recent situation with Excellent Events. She and Adele will reach out to Samme Putzel to offer assistance from the BMA.

8. Website

* Domain expired in February 2019. The BMA has received a few quotes. No update due to Ben's absence.

9. Special events

Cajun evening – September 7th

* Emily approached Beau's, Sarah Cole Cider and the Winery and all seem to be happy to participate.

* Adele approached St-Albert cheese and obtained the following prices: \$65 for a 50 person platter, \$95 for an 80 person platter.

* \$150 for a liquor licence

* Adele to speak to Beau's for price info

* Adele to speak to Sandra of the Trillium for a price for sandwiches

* Desserts: Adele is willing to make two-bite cupcakes

10. Other business

- a) Trivia Night – The next event is scheduled for June 27th @ 6 p.m. Emily advises 15 people have responded so far.
- b) Bingo – none scheduled for the moment although Miria has resolved some issues.
Tax documents must be filed before we can move forward.
- c) VKH *\$Bucks\$* - Adele confirms having sold \$750 worth of *\$Bucks\$*. She discusses the lack of mindset towards the purchase of this currency.
- d) Trash N Treasure – no update due to Louise's absence.
- e) Prospective new Board members – Each member will approach a business owner to ascertain their availability and willingness to join next year's Board. (The Amell sisters – Emily), (Kelsey Carkner – Adele), (Joanne Hines – Pat), (Kim Fetter – Pat), (Kelsey Parent - Miria) (Anne Boudrault - ?) Emily advises that the Amell sisters are not interested. Adele advises that the Carkners cannot undertake any new responsibilities at the moment. Pat advises that Joanne Hines is not interested. No update re Kin Fetter, Kelsey Parent or Anne Boudrault.
- f) VCI bursary – Adele has confirmed the BMA's bursary with VCI. Will forward info to Emily who will be presenting.
- g) Summer students for the Info Centre. Adele advises that the students are in place for this summer.
- h) Summer students' task – are we offering assistance to our members?
- i) New sign – north side of town. No update due to Louise's absence.
- j) Info center students – create a binder that includes a blurb on all local businesses.
- k) Other (Pat) – nothing this month.
- l) Recommendation list (projects in process and schedule) for the new Board.
- m) Friends of the library – BMA support?

The next Board meeting – tbd

Next OGM – tbd

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.