

# Barron Chamber of Commerce Minutes

March 16, 2023

**In Attendance:** Pat Thornby, Ann Matheny, Melissa Gillett, Mike Nielson, Mike Bigner, Lori VanEss, Jamie Edwards, Tammy Jackson, Janet Bensed, Karen Schoonover, Bea Lundequam, Amanda Smith-Feldt

Guests: Selene Wosepka and Kelly Thompson

**Meeting Lead By:** Ann Matheny

Guest, Selene Wosepka from Erickson Agency, spoke on the Commercial General Liability and Directors and Officers Liability. Provided information on event coverage, covered events, additional coverage we may need. Also discussed coverage details for board of directors, for a nonprofit organization.

- Selene will provide a quote for liquor liability, for sale of alcohol at Music in the Park
- Need to add Halloween Spooktacular Event and Make Music Day to covered events, Selene will provide additional cost (if any) to policy.

**Minutes:** Minutes from February 2023 provided for approval, motion to approve made by Mike Nielson, second by Tammy Jackson

**Financials:** Financials from December, January and February provided for approval, motion to approve made by Mike Bigner, second by Karen Schoonover

## Committee Reports:

1. Annual Meeting
  - a. No update
2. Business and Industry
  - a. No update
3. Festival Events
  - a. No update
4. Music in the Park
  - a. Ann reviewed the line-up for 2023
  - b. Contacted VFW for food on Chris Kroeze night, Kiwanis may do it with conjunction with VFW or stand alone
  - c. Barron Hockey food for Family Fun Night
  - d. Discussion of sponsorship
  - e. Discussed budget amounts for 2023 season
  - f. Set date for Committee meeting, April 11, 2023 @ noon
5. Retail Promotions
  - a. No update
6. Young Ambassadors

- a. Jamie Edwards would like to assist, will connect her with the current chair, Jessica Havenor.
- 7. Administrative
  - a. Need to contact members that have not renewed membership.
- 8. New Barron Businesses
  - a. Wild Roots & Moonflower Nail Lounge
- 9. New and Follow-up items
  - a. Committee Members follow up, chairs assigned to each committee
  - b. Back of Chamber Dollar discussion
    - i. Send letter to Barron businesses to explain chamber dollars
  - c. How can we educate our businesses for items happening in the city, i.e. main street remodel, events in the city, etc. Jamie would like to sit in on City Council meetings and report back to the Chamber.
  - d. Jamie – Self Care Saturday, wine hop, Breast Cancer walk, health related speakers, Fifth Street ‘wine down’, planning for fall 2023.
  - e. Pioneer Museum will be building a Welcome Center, they will have the ability to host events, meetings, etc.
  - f. Update Business/Chamber Board listing and distribute at next meeting.
  - g. Create a talking point sheet with what we do, events, etc. When Board members visit businesses they can hand them out.
  - h. Advertise new website on Facebook.

Meeting Adjourned

Melissa Gillett