

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tuesday, December 05, 2017 – Library – 8:00 A.M.

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Present:

Michael Peever – Mike Peever Auctions
Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm
Jim McCulloch – Retired Bruce Nuclear Project Manager
Edith Orr – Johnson Farmers Market
Bill Gunn – Fine Pine Things
Amber Wills – Librarian
Rick O'Hara – Town Councillor
Michelle Martin – Employment Solutions
Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors

Regrets:

Arlene Romberg – Wyzgыз Chip Wagon
Jean Hershey – Rydal Bank Historical Society.
Lois Hart – Registered Psychotherapist
Darlene Walsh – Bruce Mines Agricultural Society
Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
Cheryl McKay – North Channel Current
Heidi Werner – Wooden Boxes
Joyce Boismier – French Fry Committee

Call to Order:

Michael Peever called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Membership:

Motion: Edith Orr + Jim McCulloch that the membership fees for 2018 be business \$55.00, organizations \$44.00 individuals \$33.00 with a 10% discount if membership fee paid before March 01, 2018. – **carried**

Health & Safety Workshop with Ministry of Labour:

The Ministry of Labour can provide a workshop dealing with WHMIS and what is needed to be compliant. We are now under 2015 Act and all businesses must be compliant by 2018. The Ministry wants to know if businesses have done due diligence in order to be prepared for future events.

Motion: Edith Orr + Brian Torrance will set up the workshop in February 2018 at no cost to the Chamber and if there is a profit it will go to the Chamber

Chamber Survey:

Edith Orr reported that only 10 have filled out the survey – there is a need for some indication of public perception of the Chamber

North Channel Poverty Network:

Edith Orr reported that the North Channel Poverty Network has a survey. The Health Hub provide transportation for health services. There is a dry transportation area between Centre Line Road to Thessalon. The Poverty Group realize that poor people cannot get the children to the doctors and dentists. The same is for Seniors who do not like to drive in the city. The transportation would be school buses or coaches - \$56.00 to drive from St. Joe to Soo and back – Central Algoma costs \$45.00-60.00 for round trip - east of Thessalon \$86.00 for round trip. Alzheimers Society and the Blue Umbrella Program also involves transportation for the needy.

Business Christmas Party:

There are only 30 signed up – need 50 to make it succeed otherwise it will have to be cancelled.

Bruce Station Parade:

Jim McCulloch reported that there were 13 entrants in the parade – it was well attended. The chamber entered a float by Jim McCulloch.

Dec. 16th is the Parade of Lights in Bruce Mines – starts at 6:00 p.m.

Canada 150:

Jim McCulloch reported that the Canada 150 account will be closed and the balance of the funds will be given to the Chamber.

ARCH Event:

Vern Bailey and Mike Peever are fund raising for ARCH. Advertising costs of \$200.00 – Chamber, Peever, Algoma Mutual – due in February 2018.

Motion Mike Peever + Bill Gunn – **carried**.

Christmas Street Lights:

Bill Gunn, Larry Peterson, Jim McCulloch will work with Rick O'Hara to pick up the street lights from the Town and put into Chamber storage.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday January 02, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. Union Library