

DowntownAlgonquinAssociation
September 4th, 2024 10:00 am
Historic Village Hall, Algonquin

CALL TO ORDER

The Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 meeting of the Downtown Algonquin Association was called to order by Greg Geigel at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Greg Geigel, Julie Callahan, Bob Novak, Christie Gabriel, and Patrick Knapp were present. Toni Colatorti was present by phone. Bill Hellyer was absent.

Others in Attendance: Peggy Blanchard, Village of Algonquin

AGENDA

Approval of the Minutes from August 7th:

The motion was made to approve the minutes of both.

Ayes: Geigel, Callahan, Novak, Gabriel, Knapp, Colatori

Nays: None

Absent: Bill Hellyer

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

Account balance and payment of bills August 1st-August 31st:
balance beginning at \$12073.07 and ending at \$18404.27,with deposits and credits of 6531.20 and withdrawals of 200.00 (for event liquor licenses)

Christie Gabriel motioned to approve bills for payment and Bob Novak 2nd. Motion carries to pay Whiskey and Wine \$589.25 and Cucina Bella \$425.00 for alcohol purchase, an additional \$406.11 to Cucina Bella for miscellaneous items such as map guides, frames, etc., \$525.00 to Angel JEM inc for wine glasses, \$184.98 to Makity Make for miscellaneous items such as wristbands and other materials for sponsors, and \$466.57 to Paul Kopetsky for miscellaneous items such as lanyards, decor and marketing expenses.

Knapp motioned to pay Steve Chamberlain LTD for Tax preparation services. Callahan 2nd. Motion carries.

The Downtown Algonquin Association is still waiting for invoices from Bella's Wood Fire Pizza for previous membership socials. Colatorti will furnish those invoices prior to the next meeting.

The balance in the DAA account is _\$18404.27 as of 8/31___ .

Active Members and New Members: _total of_39___.

President's Report:

Amendments to the bylaws to the board have been tabled as Hellyer was absent.

Annual DAA Membership Meeting will be held on November 18th 2024 at 5:30 pm at Bella's Wood Fire Pizza. There will be no charge to attend and the DAA will cover the food. There will also be a cash bar. An RSVP is required. A Save the Date notice will be sent to all members.

Nominating committee for 24/25 Board of Directors discussion also postponed as Hellyer was absent.

Wine Walk

The entire DAA board is in agreement that the 1st event hosted by the Downtown Algonquin Association: The Summer Lovin' Wine Walk, was a success. Special thanks to all our members, volunteers, and sponsors for making this event such a hit and bringing more awareness to our mission as a group. The event received many compliments from residents, the Police Department and President Sosine. Comments from the event were shared amongst the board regarding the better quality of wines, greater organization, care for safety of the public and overall a smoother running event than previous wine walks held by other groups. It was mentioned that the afterparty added a nice touch to the event with the raffle giving attendees a reason to stay engaged until the end and wrapped up the event nicely.

Merry Market

Callahan shared that the Merry Market is still in need of more artists/vendors.

Membership Committee

The next membership social will be at 5:30pm, September 23rd at Bella's. With the continued goal of obtaining new memberships and hearing from our current members, this social will also serve as a celebration of our success with the Wine Walk. Jen Chanda will also treat members to a presentation on how to best leverage tech to benefit our businesses.

New Business

Geigel asked for clarification on membership renewal. It was confirmed that memberships will start on January 1st and prorate to July.

Knapp shared that there has been no further update on the Illinois Main Street Conference that will be held on November 12-14 in Batavia. Knapp will send details as they become available.

Old Business: None

Novak motioned to Adjourn the meeting at 11:07am, Knapp 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Gabriel
Downtown Algonquin Association Secretary