



## **MBA Board Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2020**

1. Bryan Messick, MBA Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
  - a. In Attendance: Heather Arata, Ally Britton, Peter Bendistis, Frank Daly, Tim D'Ignazio, David Krull, Lisa Johnson, Bryan Messick, Susan Rhile, David Sibley, Zubair Khan, Catherine Timko.  
Absent: Michael Straw  
A motion to conditionally approve The September Meeting Minutes was made by F. Daly and seconded by P. Bendistis; Unanimously approved.
2. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Tim D'Ignazio presented the Financial Report, including Q3 Profit & Loss Summary. Motion by F. Daly to approve monthly bills for July, August, September. Second by D. Sibley. Unanimously approved.
  - b. 2021 budget discussion. T. D'Ignazio, F. Daly and B. Messick will meet with Borough Council on 10/14/20 for budget presentation. A memo outlining the budget overview was distributed to the Board for review. The budget is prepared based on the assumption of events resuming in 2021 and used 2018 & 2019 numbers. If events do not resume, adjustments to the budget will be made accordingly.
3. Outdoor Dining:
  - a. D. Sibley reported that the timing of street closures has changed to 5PM on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Saturday will no longer be the rain-date. The permit request for the option to continue through December will be voted on by Council in October. Z. Khan thanked B. Messick, D. Krull and D. Sibley for assisting with setup for dining nights. A. Britton asked if the Board voted on November/December street closures. Discussion followed regarding the business survey – Many businesses don't want Thursdays but what do the restaurants want? MBA will survey the restaurants and call for a board vote. Further discussion about sidewalk tables every day – some businesses are blocking clear passage of the sidewalks.
4. Communications Audit:
  - a. Work is progressing on the planned changes and an update will follow.  
  
Question from C. Timko regarding 501(c)3 vs. 501(c)6 status. She continues to talk to non-profit groups (c)3 and explained the advantage of (c)3. Discussion of the application process – best case it would likely take six months to prepare the application. C. Timko and F. Daly agreed to continue the discussion separately.
5. Holiday Gift Card Raffle:
  - a. H. Arata indicated the program is progressing. There was initially some confusion among the businesses but now the concept is becoming clearer. Z. Khan has been very helpful collecting gift cards. Z. Khan indicated there have been very good reactions and he thanked A. Britton and H. Arata for their hard work. Promotions have been ongoing, social media, press releases, etc.

6. Executive Session:

- a. The Board began an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

7. Adjournment:

- a. The meeting re-convened and F. Daly moved to adjourn, P. Bendistis second. Meeting adjourned 7:30

Prepared by David Sibley, Secretary. 10/14/2020