

## St. George Business Alliance Board

September 1, 2022

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the St. George Business Alliance Board was called to order by JMiller at 9:25 AM at Carr residence.

### **Present:**

Jo Hoppe (Zoom), Greg Soutiea (Zoom), Sandra Hall, Wendy Carr, and Jake Miller.

**Treasurer Report:** Balance in general account: \$4054.58, \$4719.38 in merchant account, \$158.68 in PayPal, and \$1010.71 in CD. Nickerson bill around \$600 is outstanding; SGBA to be billed via email. SHall had three hours of Quickbooks tutoring in order for her to do more of the day-to-day bookkeeping, have QB fit our needs more closely, and to obviate need for Nickerson to do monthly reports. We will continue to have Nickerson serve our accounting needs as Board succession may create a new need for day-to-day bookkeeping in the future.

**Non-Profit Status:** Still working on the form for IRS. More closely tailored Quickbooks will assist with filling out financials.

**Approval of prior minutes:** SHall makes motion (JHoppe second) to approve June 2022 Board minutes. Passed unanimously.

### **Meetings/Member Events:**

Community conversation regarding climate change on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Town Office; JMiller, SHall, WCarr, and JHoppe will attend. Art Tour on weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup> has 23 St. George and also the Rockland based Friends of Mid-Coast Islands as participants. RLimmen will do ad (around \$200) and press release. Ed and Kay Botkin are sponsoring by producing posters (query whether there is also a cash sponsorship). Studio Hannah gave \$50 in sponsorship. Following the Art Tour weekend is the membership meeting on September 20, 2022 at 9:30 AM at Barbara Sorg's studio. Greg and Ryan can assist with website listings at meeting if appropriate. E-mail reminder will be sent out regarding how to claim listing on SGBA website. The June and July After Hours evenings were successful. Fall/winter events to be organized, including Yuletide (Will RLimmen still be on committee?) and Light Up St. George in conjunction with Town/Light Up the Knight (Conversation with TELwell needed). Possible holiday gathering at the Craignair on December 6, 2022; if appropriate, budget for event will be created including one drink ticket then cash bar. Committee is composed of SHall, GSoutiea, JHoppe.

November members meeting will be open house for dues, ad sales, help with website listings.

Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM Carr residence plus Zoom.

**Website:** Fifteen listings claimed; sixty users. GSoutiea to determine how Grey Barn Studio created a listing with perhaps, no payment. As listed above, help with claiming member listing will occur during November 2022 members meeting/open house. Facebook page is still worth maintaining.

**Scholarship:** Check has been cut and mailed to school. Nice thank you note from recipient Liam O'Neil.

Motion to Adjourn made by JHoppe (GSoutiea second). Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

**Respectfully submitted,** Wendy E. Carr