

GVBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2017

Called to Order – 11:52

- Last month's minutes – Reviewed and approved with making the addition of the dollar amount (\$500) given to the Verona Volunteer Fire Dept. for 2016.
- Thomas explained the email voting approved and put into place at the end of 2016 to the new members of the Board.
- Thomas reminded the group that only 20% of our funds can go to non-profit contributions per year.
- Ted asked the question if GVBA has a budget in place. We do not. Will continue communication about implementation.
- Discussed up and coming Bowling event for 2017 and if 20 lanes is sufficient. It was decided that this amount is. Also, how are we marketing the event?
- Walking Trail – Appears there was no additional work since summer. Abbey plans to send letter to County outlining completion requirements for our \$10k contribution.
- Bus Stop – Review – County has taken responsibility for the project and will name GVBA at location. Possibly with the Book Exchange.
- A review of the Fire Dept. relationship was discussed. How we support and their support of our monthly meetings and Christmas decorations storage.
- Review of decision to cancel Scholarship Program – Do we now contribute to the Greater Augusta Chamber Scholarship program? May consider re-opening our program at a later date.
- Christmas lights – When do we start purchasing the replacements needed?
- Events Committees – Review and formation needs to be conducted.
- Electronic survey of our members' suggestions on how to utilize GVBA excess funds. Survey being tweaked and reviewed by Board before submitting to members.
- Annual GVBA Sponsorship Letter being reviewed by Abbey before sending to supporters.
- Review that By-laws have been voted upon, approved, and changed to note that the Annual meeting will be held the 3rd Thursday in January.
- Review that we now have Errors and Omissions Insurance to protect the GVBA Board and Officers.
- Review of our stance on the 2016 Vote to move the Courthouse was in favor of because of increase in traffic in Verona and potentially more businesses.
- Next Board Meeting to be held at Verona Community Center – noon. Abbey to pick up lunch from Ciro's.

Meeting adjourned: 1:05

Respectfully, Marie Biser - Secretary