

## Bay Area Merchants Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 14, 2011

Location: Roadhouse 101

Host: Roadhouse 101 and Rusty Truck Brewery

Attending ... in no particular order ... Alex Ward (CICS Employment Services); Kurt Olsen (Lincoln City Urban Renewal Agency); Karen Richards (Nelscott Wine Shop and The Eventuary) AJ and Mary Jarvis (Starfish Framing and More); Kathleen Roff (Legacy Real Estate); Fran Jones (Grace Counseling on the Coast); Maurice Martinez (Mor Art Fused Glass); Dan and Kathy Draper (Captain Dan's Pirate Pasty Shop); Sheldon McAurther (North By Northwest Books); Don and Debbie Williams (Nelscott Cafe); Greg Ernst (The Law Office of Gregory S. Ernst); Theresa Engbretson (Mo's Restaurant); Teresa Simmons (Chinook Winds Casino Resort); Russ Whitehead (Rusty Truck Brewery and Roadhouse 101); and Tom Brosy (Eleanor's Undertow).

Refreshments included ... Beer and soft drinks and the very affordable Happy Hour menu was available.

Alex Ward, President called the last BAMA meeting of the year to order. As usual, the floor was open to non-agenda items and announcements ...

- Teresa reminded everyone of the community Christmas Dinner (Operation Christmas Spirit) being organized by Chinook Winds Casino Resort at the Community Center and encouraged everyone to volunteer.
- Greg announced the release of his new CD! They are available for \$8 and he'll even sign them for you.
- Tom shared that he has about 1000 of BAMA's white lights from last years "Lighting of the Dock". We asked him to take them to the Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council's office at the old Taft Elementary School. Catherine has graciously offered her space to store BAMA items.
- Theresa (Mo's) asked if BAMA would like to get involved in Lincoln City Community Days by hosting a pet food drive. We all asked to bring more information to the next meet, this sounds like something that is right up our alley!
- Kathleen reminded everyone to come see here Christmas tree in her new downstairs office.
- Mary read an email from Sandy Pfaff at the VCB. The VCB will be providing BAMA with 50 glass crabs to be given out to promote the Taft area!! YEA. The crabs should have been dropped off at The Anchor Inn.
- Don told us about what a great time he had following Santa to his photo post at the end of 51<sup>st</sup> street for the Miracle on 51<sup>st</sup> Street event. he said that there is some interest being generated on forming a Toastmasters chapter in the area, so talk to Don if you are interested.

### Agenda Items:

- Miracle on 51<sup>st</sup> Street – Again this was a successful event! Mary gave a report for Stephanie Franklin who was unable to attend the meeting ... Santa and Mrs. Clause left the Christmas Cottage at about 4:00pm and arrived at the end of 51<sup>st</sup> Street at 4:15, everything was wrapped up by 5:45pm. Between 30-40 kids had their photos taken. \$27 cash was collected, Roundabouts will use this toward the cost of the ink and paper. Four boxes of food were collected for the local food bank. Barton was able to get the chorus from Taft High School to

spend some time entertaining with Christmas Carols. Catherine, Debbie, Alex, and some helpers got the lights up on the dock. They look great and you can see them as you come over the bridge heading into town. The community was very interested in this event. As the contact person I received several emails and phone calls!

- Bylaws – We started our review of the proposed Bylaws. A copy of the proposed Bylaws was emailed out prior to the meeting and Greg provided an outline to highlight the topics of interest as he read through the proposed Bylaws. Here are the main topics of discussion:
  - Dues – To simplify billing and keeping track of members, it was proposed that dues be due yearly in January. The general consensus was that this is acceptable with those joining through the year have their dues prorated by quarter.
  - Member Definition / Voting Privileges – The largest amount of time was spent talking about the different types of membership (individual, non-profit groups, and businesses) and what that membership entitles the member to. Since BAMA is a merchants association, most members feel that non-profit groups and businesses should have voting privileges, but individuals should not. Talks looped around and about and eventually we decided that this is an issue to be continued ...
- Elections – The most anticipated part of the meeting was our election of President and Vice President. With the other nominated members declining, Don Williams (Nelscott Cafe) and Greg Ernst ( The Law Office of Gregory S. Ernst) were voted in unanimously as President and Vice President respectively. Barton did provide an entertaining speech declining his nomination, in his absence, Mary did her best Barton rendition reading it to the group. We are looking forward to a great year with out new board members joining Stephanie Franklin as Treasure and Mary Jarvis as Secretary.
- Annual Meet and Greet – The Eagles Club will be hosting the Annual BAMA Meet and Greet Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>!! There is much planning to do, but atleast we have a date to get us started. Anyone who would like to help out on the committee let me know! So far we have Mary (Starfish Framing) Debbie (Nelscott Cafe), and Kathleen (Legacy Real Estate).

With that Alex dismissed his final meeting as President. Everyone was sure to thank him for everything he has done and to welcome our new “cabinet”. Our last BAMA meeting of the year came to an end. We'll see everyone on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012!

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