



Minutes for March 30 2022 Board Meeting at Harper's

5:52 PM Call to order by Michelle Adams, President

Thank you to sponsors Club Pilates, Insurance on Hudson, Rivertowns Pediatrics

Speakers

- 5:52 PM County Executive Latimer
 - General Covid number down, although marginal uptick
 - Planning on executing various events throughout the county
 - County budget adopted in December, small property tax cut at county level
 - Crime is down 25% in Westchester County over the past 4 years
- 5:56PM County update from Shari Asher
 - Unemployment is down
 - Working on workforce development, including working job fairs
 - April 22- Healthcare job fair
 - Transportation, grocery store, and disabilities fair in the works
 - Catalyst for Diversity being held next week
 - Contact Shari directly with questions or suggestions
- 6:00PM Dobbs Ferry Mayor Rossillo and Village Administrator Ferraro
 - New Village Administrator, Melissa Ferraro
 - Village Administrator Ferraro is very open to communication
 - [-mferraro@dobbsferry.com](mailto:mferraro@dobbsferry.com)
 - Sidewalks being redone downtown, beginning in April or May
 - October 1, Ferry Festa
 - Launch 1000, entrepreneurship training program
 - Newsletter will start again soon

6:07 PM Old Business

1. 6:07PM 2022 lapsed members
 - Anyone who has not paid an invoice is not on member list

- Updating members on website
- 2. 2022 Board and Committee Chairs- we need you!
 - We need a VP!
 - We need members to help with tourism, minority businesses, fundraising

6:10PM New Business

1. New Executive Director and Event Manager
 - Regina- executive director
 - Leslye- new event manager
2. 6:11PM Community Calendar

Would like to send out emails with a list of events going on at member businesses
3. 6:12PM Reports
 - Treasurer
 - Administrative grant report sent out
 - Reminder to pay your dues
 - 6:14PM Committees
 - i. 6:14PM Membership (Report from Fabienne)
 - Need to come up with a FAQ sheet for new members
 - Referrals encouraged
 - You don't have to be on the committee to volunteer for membership committee
 - Inviting back Tiffany, content creator, to showcase businesses on Tik Tok and Instagram
 - Instagram takeovers from members
 - Send questions to info@rivertownschamber.com
 - ii. 6:20PM Women in Business
 - In person women's networking on May 4, save the date
 - Village Reports (Chamber started monthly village chats that are more specific to member needs)
 - i. 6:21PM Ardsley (Connie Gallo and Heather Rhyu)
 - Invasive plant management at Macy Park, April 9, 10AM-1PM
 - April 23 begins Spring Tennis clinic
 - June 23 begins summer concert series
 - First annual 5K, Sunday, May 1, Pascone, \$20 entry fee
 - June 4, Pride
 - June 19, Juneteenth
 - September 17, welcome back Ardsley
 - April 19 monthly meeting
 - ii. 6:26PM Dobbs Ferry (Paddy and Chris)

- Earth month begins tomorrow
- Summer concert series, every Wednesday
- iii. 6:31PM Hastings-on-Hudson (reps not present)
 - Hosted a great HOH business get together on 3/21 at the Good Witch. Discussed events planned for 2022 and improvements that could be made. The village was represented by our Downtown Advocate, Barbara Prisament.
 - The downtown businesses are really grateful for the new benches that have arrived and are installed on Warburton and Main. They are wood and iron, are attractive and ADA compliant. We look forward to garbage cans.
 - We are submitting events to be added to the chamber community events calendar. Please see that calendar or destinationhastings.org for more info on what HOH is up to!
- iv. 6:33PM Irvington (reps not present)
 - First village Zoom meeting was a success
 - Interested in printed directory of Chamber members as a member benefit

Member Announcements

New members:

Garage Pod-Sam Bercovich

Jewels of the East -Farrukh Ahsan

Paper Pigeon- Monika Konieczna

Club Pilates is matching funds raised for their Unicef Ukrainian Fundraiser
Stelmah Photography doing a fundraiser, 9-3 this weekend, for Ukraine, \$100 per portrait, funds raised goes to Unicef

Next Board Meeting

- May 18 2022, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
 - In-person lunch with board, committee chairs, and staff

April 27, 5PM- next monthly meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:44PM