

**Media Business Authority
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2009**

In attendance: Christopher Dougherty, Monika Rehoric, Peter Bendistis,
Tom Hibberd, Drew Arata, Lynne Green, Jon Schafer, Warren Kuo
Rachael Benari, Edward Lawlor, Kevin Schramm, Bobbie Dallas, Joe
Chupein, Monica Simpson, Zubair Khan

Absent: Anthony Cavaliere, Bill Gross, John Vizzarri, Amy Bullock, Harry
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Guests: Paul Patchel, Ed Buffman, Jean Leone, Courtney Rozsas, Roger Ricker,
Candice Caprice, James Hann, Beth Coimbra, Joanne Schultze.

Meeting called to order at 6:39 PM.

I. Approval of Minutes from December Meeting:

Motion to approve December Minutes by Ed Lawlor; seconded by
Drew Arata. So approved.

II. Public Comments:

- A. Ed Buffman from Pa. Veteran's Museum introduced Joanne Schultze as an Executive Director to the Board. He urged the Board about supporting the Museum. Being a "robust organization" has introduced new accredited programmes. Joanne talked about the Museum will be renovating third floor for expansion. Has a new entrance on State Street. Wants to share web site and asked for new membership to the Museum.
- B. Candice Caprice from Per Lei Boutique was there to invite for a Holiday Mixer at Margaret Kuo's this Thursday for "Style on State".
- C. Roger Ricker from Media Theater spoke about working with the Business District about "Yellow Brick Discounts". Introduced Beth Coimbra as their new part time Director of Finance. Thanked Monika for her accomplishments during her Chairmanship. Made comments about Rachael Ben Ari is going to be missed.
- D. Courtney Rozsas spoke about her new Restaurant "Lotus" being opened on State Street.
- E. Jean Leone reported about the Business to Business directory when published, if that will also be made available to residents?

III. Approval of the Treasurer's Report:

No Report

IV. Elections '10:

- A. Final nominations were announced, and closed.
- B. Our Solicitor, Joseph W. Chupein, announced that (2) Absentee Votes were received, and will count.
- C. The four post for the Executive Committee, Kevin Schramm as Chairman, Drew Arata as Vice Chairman , John Vizzarri (Treasurer) and Christopher Dougherty(Secretary) were uncontested, All four were elected.

V. BOROUGH LIAISON REPORT

Monica Simpson reported: The Borough has started reviewing the Final 2010 Budget. The mercantile tax collected by the Borough was down. The total allocation to the MBA for '10 will be \$76,900. The Council will vote on the Budget next week.

She also indicated that in our last meeting Councilman Peter Williamson had spoken about meeting with the Board and introducing new members of the Borough Council in early January, they will like to push that date back to second week in February '10.

In news recently, she announced the closing of "Brodeur's on State Street". She supported and thanked Dan Brodeur for his work with the MBA. She also indicated that four person Committee has been formed to look at all options for either renting or selling of the One State Street. More information will come soon. Please call Jeff Smith, Borough Manager for information regarding the property. She also reported about different Commercial realtor's have been invited to access the building.

Candice Caprice stated that the Borough should solicit for renting to Steven Starr or Anthropology or Apple, bringing big name destination business.

Christopher Dougherty, Warren Kuo, Tom Hibberd and Ed Lawlor emphasized about creating "positive press release" and speak in terms of all the positives that Media has accomplished. Christopher also thanked Monica Simpson for all her support and services to the MBA as their Liaison.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORT

- * Music Series will resubmit its more trim down Budget soon.
- *Santa's Village is located at the Franklin Mint Credit Union.
- *Drew reported work has been continuing on Constant Contact.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Jon Schaffer made a motion to accept Dan Brodeur's resignation from the MBA Board, seconded by Peter Bendistis. The motion was approved.

Septa / trolley will not be running until summer of 2010. The Buses will replace the trolley until the work on the tracks are completed

Motion to adjourn by Peter Bendistis; seconded by Edward Lawlor.

So moved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Cavaliere