

# Baxter Chamber of Commerce –March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Meeting date/time** – Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:15pm [Minutes](#)

**Meeting location** – Community Building

**Attendees:** [Bryan Dejong](#), [Mike Manship](#), [Joann Maxwell](#), [Pam Debruyn](#), [Peggy Smith](#), [Ben Spera](#) and [Natalie Moorman](#)

## Agenda

### **Old business:**

- Eat Shop and Play –ad (Pam, Lindsay, Mackenzie) [group agrees to add the Calendar of Events Mackenzie designed to the Welcome Bag. Decision was made to not place an ad in Eat Shop and Play.](#)
  - [Pam DeBruyn shared other options for advertising in Jasper County Living ad of \\$120 \(business card size or possibly considering doing an article on Baxter, Chamber, etc. A suggestion was made to work with BEDCO and Home Town Pride to prepare an article. BCC group approved a cost of \\$120 to put towards ad. If cost increases we will need a new vote.](#)
  - [Pam/paper provide booklets to add to the Welcome Bags.](#)
- [Treasurer’s report – Amanda/Joann \\$3478.54\(January Treasurers Report\) February report balance \\$3878.54 . Bryan Approved. Joann seconded.](#)
- [Business Directory – updated. – Need to add Java on Main.](#)
- [Baxter Youth and Adult Organizations document – updated](#)
- [Baxter Calendar of Events – updated for 2023](#)
- [Welcome bags \(30\) collecting items from community organizations and/or businesses by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Provided background, encouraged others to donate to.](#)

- Update on Main street beautification, smoking poles, trash receptacles, bike racks- delivered to businesses, presented to city need to confirm locations of trash receptacles and bike racks. (use map)- cost? Chris regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> bid –
  - Grant – in progress deadline to complete approaching.
  - Challenge – need to list active board directors/members- **no volunteers for board of directors. Natalie will present to BEDCO to see if they will assist with filing for grant.**
  - Letter was sent to the community for financial support. – see treasurers report \$450.00. **Feb treasurer report has received \$400 donation.**

## New business-

- Need of board members position open President, Vice President, Secretary. **Must** for filling these by April meeting or prior to comply with grant. **Currently we have Amanda Moorman- treasurer, Natalie Moorman acting as President and secretary. We are encouraging new active member to volunteer for director and board positions.**
- Daylight Savings time is March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Hillbilly Bike ride – Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> Contact - Karen Finch- **no details discussed. Need to notify the police and local businesses to prepare for additional patrons.**
  - Plan for vendor area
  - Games (need assistance with these)
  - Signs (need assistance with these)
- Welcome to our new businesses –
  - Java on Main ribbon cutting Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – **successful event. Pam DeBruyn stopped to take a photo. TY Colette for organizing.**
  - Freebird Wellness – **no updates**
- Fun Days update- **not discussed.**
- BEDCO update- **BEDCO and BCC continue to work together.**
- City Park update – Home town Pride –Joann
  - Shelter in progress, **bathrooms being built, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter hope for additional change.**
  - Zipline plaque - **ready to install**

- Camping- firepits being built, looking at ways to get concrete installed, costs.
  - Splashpad – still researching.
- Survey- sent out by BEDCO/Baxter Chamber update Recently sent out survey. Survey currently being reviewed. More to come.
- Fund Raiser options:
  - Kickin Chickin- shared details about this business
  - Progressive dinner – not discussed.
- Essential Services recognition week/partner with city to declare a week to celebrate/recognize Ambulance, Police and Fire – update – Randi Glien/BCC plan to present to City Council at March meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> week in August. More details to follow.
- Friends of CVT next meeting 3.21.23 at Bea's – encourage attendance. A little detail was shared on CVT discussions for topics below and how they impact Baxter.
  - Caboose-
  - Bike trail
  - Hillbilly Bike ride
- Easter Egg hunt – Sat. April 1<sup>st</sup> – BCC is assisting, a few businesses have provided donations, encourage all to help the larger group – see FACEBOOK posts.
- Proposal for creating location to have items to give to others in need(2<sup>nd</sup> hand) Shared idea presented. Waiting to hear back from that contact for more information.
- Other business.
- Anyone aware of a grant writer? Mike did share his experience in another town. Best experience paying for someone to write grants.
- Bryan approved adjourn, Joann seconded.
- Next meeting - April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Community Building