



Bethany Area of Chamber of Commerce

Monthly Membership Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, **RHONDA TAYLOR @ 12:15**

Introduction of Guests: **NONE**

Lunch: Provided by **NL HOLDINGS**

Agenda Correction / Addition: **NONE**

Approval of minutes: **1. AVERY** **2. CRYSTAL**

Treasurer's report: **BALANCE AS OF 12/16/25 \$4,313.55; PAID AVERY PAYROLL, GRM, UTILITIES, OFFICE SUPPLIES WITH CITY OF BETHANY PAYING 50% OF SUPPLIES**

Membership update: **NO NEW IN DECEMBER**

Old business: **BUSINESS SPOTLIGHTS: REPUBLICAN CLIPPER, SOUTHSIDE AUTO & TOWING, BIG TIME CINEMA, CITY OF BETHANY, GRUNDY ELECTRIC, TAYLOR HEATING & COOLING, HODGE PODGE/THE GATHERING PLACE**

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY WAS A SUCCESS! GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST IS ONGOING. 5 PARTICIPANTS IN THE COLORING CONTEST, SO EVERYONE GOT A PRIZE! UGLY SWEATER CONTEST – CHASE NAIL, PATRICK HAMILTON, KELSEY, FINDLEY & MAELYN FREEMAN, WINNERS. PERFORMANCES WERE GREAT! LIGHTED PARADE, LIVE NATIVITY, VENDORS, SANTA PHOTOS

WELCOME GUIDE SALES WENT VERY WELL AND THE CONTENT/LAYOUT IS UNDERWAY!

SEND EVENTS/HAPPENINGS TO AVERY FOR THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – SAME AS LAST YEAR –

PRESIDENT – RHONDA TAYLOR

VICE PRESIDENT – CRISSY WOODERSON

TREASURER – ASHTON VANDIVERT

SECRETARY – TANYA THOMAS **1. PHIL** **2. CRYSTAL**

DATES OF COMMUNITY EVENTS AND BUDGET TO BE SET AT JANUARY MEETING. IT TAKES APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 ANNUALLY TO OPERATE

WOULD LIKE FOR MEMBERS TO HAVE MORE PARTICIPATION – COMMITMENT, ATTENDANCE (MORE THAN JUST ATTEND LUNCH), BRING NEW IDEAS. WHAT DO MEMBERS WANT FROM THE CHAMBER?

BY-LAWS WILL BE AMENDED TO ADD A MEDIA POSITION TO THE BOARD. 1. ASHTON **2. TANYA**

COUNCIL UPDATE: CITY WILL PAY \$12,000 TO COVER AVERY'S PAY. CITY WILL TAKE OVER COOKIES & COCOA IN THE PARK, CHAMBER WILL FOCUS ON DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES. THERE IS A NEED TO FUNNEL IN MUSIC FOR NEXT YEARS CHRISTMAS EVENT.

PLANTER BOXES CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH AMAZON

New business:

THERE WERE 62 MEMBERS IN 2025. MEMBERSHIP LEVELS? CHANGE OR NOT? ADD A MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTION? SET UP ZOOM FOR MEETINGS SO MORE CAN "ATTEND"?

MOTION TO AMEND STRUCTURE OF DUES 1. TANYA 2. ASHTON

PHONE CALLS NEED TO BE MADE TO BUSINESSES TO PERSONALLY ASK ABOUT EVENT HELP/DONATIONS, AS EMAILS GET BURIED IN DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES.

Next Meeting: **TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**

LUNCH HOST(S): CHAMBER OFFICERS (SOUPS & SUCH)

Adjourn: **1. TANYA 2. CRYSTAL**