

**Pearl River Board of Trade Inc. DBA Pearl River Chamber of Commerce
Pearl River Chamber Minutes for General Meeting
May 9th, 2018, 7:00 pm – Gentle Giant Brewing**

Call to Order by Brian Campbell

Roll Call – see below list of attendees

Report of the Treasurer:

Checking acct: \$ 34,070.31
Cash on the Town: \$ 6,515.48

Report of the Committees

Committee updates

- **Membership:**
 - 2018-2019 membership: 63 total, 54 business members, 9 residents
 - Linda Shields, Membership Committee Chairperson, and committee members made up a list of benefits/proposed benefits. If you have any suggestions, please send to Antoinette. Discussed assigning an Ambassador to new or prospective members to follow up, rotate members to reach out.
- **Promotions and Events:**
 - Movie Night in Summer: June 1 at Central Ave Field at sunset. 7:30 arrive, 8:30 movie starts. Movie is Night At The Museum. Requested garbage cans, port-a-potties, popcorn. Antoinette to make flyer for facebook.
 - Multi Chamber Networking Event: June 13 - Pearl River Chamber hosting through Chamber Alliance of Rockland. Register online, more details to follow.
 - Pearl River Day 2018 – October 6, 11am-6pm. Vendor applications on website. Register early for discounts.
- **Government:**
- **Beautification:**
- **Committees:** Brian Campbell reported all committees will be re-evaluated at a later date.

Motions:

Brian Campbell made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Michelle Worob seconded

- All in favor, no opposed

Comments – Discussion

Old Business:

- Revitalize Pearl River Downtown District – Reminder of Town Board Meeting
 - Brian Campbell reported town board meeting is on May 15. Plan to arrive 6:30-6:45, meeting to start at 7:00pm. Need support, have keynote speakers scheduled (Brian Campbell, Kevin Hardy, Bridget Killen).
 - Adam O’Gorman commented on concern for vacancy rates in retail. Need people in area to support retail stores, ex., NJ - around train station they put apartments – millennial housing (Park Ridge, Westwood, Ridgewood) Nanuet proposed project and need for apartments also. Pearl River has train so can utilize it but need apartments – would go above retail stores – built in stages per developer.
- Relay for Life: June 9 event – food donated, looking for vendors from 2-8 pm. June 2 will paint town purple. If you want to make a team, inquire with Donna Hughes at dmh180@gmail.com

New Business:

- Welcome new members:
 - Kate O’Brien, resident member, would like to work on Events Committee, has ideas for next Egg Hunt
 - Ross Heaton, business member, does home inspections
 - Anthony Berros, Bin 41 new owner – opened 2 months ago.
- Marianne Riker, Rockland Evolution Real Estate – guest
- Events Sponsored by the Town Supervisor/Town of Orangetown (Tentative)
 - City Slide – August 11
 - BBQ and Beer Festival – TBD (pre-September)

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

June 1 Movie Night – Central Avenue Field
June 13 Joint Chamber Networking Event – Pearl River Saloon
October 6 Pearl River Day, 11am-6pm

Adjournment Brian Campbell adjourned meeting

Attendees – May 9, 2018 General Meeting:

Ben Shiftch
Simi Shiftch
Brian Campbell
Michelle Worob
Kathie Kelley
Mike Kelley
Jane Murphy
Ross Heaton
Anthony Berros
Armando Cerdeira
Debbie Paciello
Jeffrey Gibs
Kate O'Brien
Marianne Riker
Michael Grella
Donna Hughes
Mark Griffith
Kevin Hardy
Matt Reid
Linda Shields
Vin Acecella
Susan Perzigian
Bridget Killen
Adam O'Gorman
Mr. Carmelo
Matt Worgul
Chris Nexicon
Kelly Maris
Antoinette Flynn