**Elmira Downtown Development**

Minutes of Board Meeting

February 13, 2019

Present: Chris Karam, Chris Coletta, Emma Miran, Jennifer Swain, Dan Mandell, Courtney Woods, Michael Mitchell, Brent Stermer, Adam Bunce

Absent: Denise Allen, Janis Witchey, Kylene Kiah, Mike Collins, Donna Tangorre, Kristina Cadwalledere, Pam Brayton, Mitch Pearce, Chris Giamichele

Staff: Jennifer Herrick, Katie Boland

ACTION ITEMS:

Call to Order: Chris Karam called the meeting to order at 12:03pm

Minutes: The November minutes were accepted with all in favor. Dan Mandell motioned to accept the minutes, Kristina Cadwallader seconded.

Financials: Chris Coletta reported that we raised about $2,500 from Alive After 5 celebration.

Presidents Report: Chris Karam introduced the new members Courtney Woods and Chris Giammichele and announced the change in Treasurer from Chris Coletta to Janice Witchey. Chris mentioned that all should call or email if they can’t make the meeting so that we are in line with our Charter.

Directors report: Jennifer Herrick talked about receiving the $300,000 Main Street Grant and the Technical Assistant Grant for the Federal Building. More information when the CAF is announced in April. Alive After 5 Winter Celebration was a great success. Thank you for so many members for coming. We had more people than last year and made about $2,500 from our sales at the event. Taste of Downtown invitations will be going out in mail next week. This is our 10th year and it gets better every year. Revenue and attendance up each year and we have 5 new sponsors this year also. Although it has been hard to get downtown restaurants to help. We are mad at them!! AA5 committee working on a new application process and we will be having a mandatory meeting with all prospective venues in early March. Elmira Street Painting Festival will not be moving this year as Water Street will not be under construction yet. Next year and years after we will move between West Water, East Water and the Southside of Main Street. The World’s Largest Shamrock event is coming along nicely. We hope to have about 1000-1200 people there and WENY will be breaking the news Monday.

Other business: Board Members were asked to sell 10 tickets each for TOD and to donate 2 bottles of wine each for the wine pull. Adam Bunce mentioned that maybe next year, restaurants that want an AA5 have to commit to next year’s TOD and if not then no AA5. Next meeting April 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm by Chris Karam. Motioned by Donna Tangorre and seconded by Chris Coletta. Lunch was provided by Fagan Engineering and was served from Southside Sub Shop.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Boland