

St. George Business Alliance
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Town Office, Tenants Harbor

28 Meeting Attendees—Members: Chris Austen (Austin Payment Solutions), Jeff Boulet (Resident), Judy Brogden (Edward Jones), Wendy Carr (Resident), Brendan Chase (Tenants Harbor Boatyard), Shari Closter (Trekkers), Ron Cruzan (Wyeth Gallery), Elizabeth Curtis (Resident), Sandra Dickson (Sunlite Studio), Paul Gaudette (BHGRE, the Masiello Group), Diane Hall (True Hall Real Estate & Real Finds Consignment Shop), Sandra Hall (Resident), Jo Ann Hoppe (Blueberry Moose), Rob Kelley (St. George CDC), Alane Kennedy (St. George CDC), Kathleen LaBree (Garden Island), Jan & Rosemary Limmen (Blue Tulip), Steve and Jo Lindsay (St. George Sailing), Carlton Winslow (Fabian Oil), Lexi Zable (Dip Net). **Non-Members:** Jane Conrad, Deb Cotton, Nancy Fagley, Frank Hample, Peter Harris, Linda Small.

BUSINESS MEETING

Welcome—President Sandra Hall called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm, welcomed all attendees and invited them to introduce themselves. Sandra thanked the Board for their time and commitment, noting that it's been a busy few months focused on organization and planning for the future. She encouraged everyone to use the SGBA website to find member information and meeting and event dates. She reminded attendees that dues must be paid by March 21 if members expect to be included in the website and "Welcome to St. George" member directories.

Treasurer's Report, Membership—Interim Treasurer Diane Hall reported that SGBA currently has a total of \$13,521.41 in 3 bank accounts: General, Welcome Guide, and Merchant. Between October 2017 and March 20, 2018 the organization added 11 new St. George members and 10 new Affiliate members.

Member Education—Rosemary Limmen reported that the SGBA, the Island Institute, the St. George CDC and the Jackson Memorial Library are co-sponsoring introductory QuickBooks classes at the Library in Tenants Harbor on Thursday, April 12, and Thursday, April 19, from 5:00-8:00 pm. Staff members from the Axiom Education and Learning Center in Machias are conducting the two FREE classes. Noting that registration is required, Rosemary passed out flyers that included class content and registration information. Information is also on SGBA's website.

Legal Update—Wendy Carr reported that the SGBA Board has engaged an attorney to serve as our "agent" for all legal matters and to assist us in rewriting the organization's By-Laws.

"Welcome to St. George" Visitors Guide—Diane Hall reported that Welcome Guide ad sales to date have surpassed total Welcome Guide ad revenue reported for 2017. The Guide's Member Directory will reflect business categories that match revised Directory categories planned for the SGBA website.

"Welcome Aboard" Business Expo and Job Fair—Sandra Hall reminded attendees that SGBA's "Welcome Aboard" event is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the St. George School. Participation is free for SGBA members, but registration is required. Table space and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Members may register for the event and/or sign up to be (\$50) sponsors using the online forms found on our website... www.stgeorgebusinessalliance.com. Sponsorship payments can be made using SGBA's online payment system.

Member Meetings—Sandra Hall reminded attendees that member meetings are usually scheduled on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, either at 9:00 am or 5:00 pm. If monthly meetings need to be scheduled at any other time, members will be given advance notice via email or posting on the SGBA website. Upcoming meeting dates are:

Tuesday, April 24	9:00 am at the Quarry Tavern, East Wind Inn <u>Presentation:</u> "Small Business Success Stories" (Bixby & Co, Fiore Olive Oil & Vinegar, Loyal Biscuit Owners)
Tuesday, May 22	5:00 pm (Location TBD) "Speed Networking"

Sandra adjourned the business meeting at 5:30 pm and introduced the evening's speaker, Rob Kelley, St. George Community Development Corporation, who gave attendees an update on the CDC's purpose, progress, projects and plans for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Limmen
SGBA Board Member & Secretary
Approved: April 10, 2018