



Englewood Chamber Mission Statement:

“Dedicated to Leading Economic Growth with a Balanced Voice between Local Businesses, Residents and Tourism that Creates Opportunities for our Community.”

Board Meeting ...Wednesday ... January 13, 2021

Minutes

Attending	:	Brian Faro	President Elect	(1-1)
		Jonathan Varner	Past President	(1-1)
		Kathleen Callahan	Vice-President	(1-1)
		Kristina Watts	VP - Leadership	(1-1)
		Mark Knauf	Treasurer	(1-1)

Directors : Lou Cook (1-1), Alfred Current (1-1), Shawn Emery (1-1), Erin Halstead (1-1), Richard Jean (1-1), Jeremy Jones (1-1), Brian Pope (1-1), Chris Porter (1-1), Shane Whitmore (1-1)

Staff : Doug Izzo - Executive Director

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00. President Faro welcomed everyone and lead the Pledge of Alegience. A quorum is present.
2. President Faro was going to introduce new board members, however, one joined via zoom and the other was late.
3. **Motion to approve minutes** of last month’s meeting was made by Varner, 2nd by Halstead (Approved).
4. **President’s Report**
 - a. **Board Update.** New Board Members Brain Pope – Pope Insurance and Richard Jean – Suncoast Central Realty.
 - b. **Committee Reports:**
 - i. Governance: No update at this time. More discussion about updateing bylaws next meeting.
 - ii. Membership: Watts indicated that the membership committee will set a meeting to meet. Knauf suggested obtaining the occupancy license lists from Sarasota and Cahrlotte Counties to use for prospects.
5. **Financial Report:** Knauf went over yearend financials and expressed the chamber is in good shape financially. Kim Parks did an outstanding job finding creative ways to generate/save revenue.
6. **Leadership Update**
 - a. *Hyperlocal Charity List:* Callahan discussed how suggested changing the restriction that Leadership Englewood can’t donate money to organizations under a national umbrella. Callahan made a motion to remove restrictions on leadership’s hyperlocal list of charities with those chosen charity to be approved by the board. 2nd by Current (Approved).
 - b. *Non-Profit Day:* Speed dating event went great.
 - c. *Bus:* Need a bus for March.

7. Executive Director's Report:

- a. *2021 Allstar Program Level's Update*: Presented handout showing program details.
- b. *DASH*: Presented handout showing new members for 2021. Considering it is only Jan 13th, there was not too much to report at that time.
- c. *Annual Events*: Presented annual calendar so board members know when chamber events are taking place and have ample time to plan.
- d. *Upcoming Events*:
 - Business Card Exchange: Today, however, cancelled due to weather.
 - Biz@Noon Drive-Through Style: 12:00pm Jan 20th at Isabella's Bistro, 6800 Placida Road.
 - Ribbon Cutting - Lemon Bay Conservancy: 10:00am Jan 25th at Wildflower Reserve, 120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd.
 - Annual Banquet: 5:30pm Jan 28th at Hills Golf & Country Club, 100 Rotonda Circle.

8. Old Business:

- a. None

9. New Business:

- a. *2021 Board Retreat*: Izzo discussed planning a board retreat for 8:00-11:00am Feb 10th. Watts said she will reach out to Boca Royal for meeting space.
- b. *2021 Budget*: Izzo discussed creating a 2021 budget that can be discussed at the Feb board retreat.

10. Open Discussion:

- a. Halstead said she received a call inquiring about the community room key. Discussion ensued regarding a new keydrop box. Callahan will look into new keydrop.
- b. Current told a story about a local philanthropist looking to make donations and the important role the chamber plays in connecting people for the betterment of the community.
- c. Callahan stressed the chamber needs more volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 am.