



**ELBURN
CHAMBER
of COMMERCE**

Member Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2023, Elburn Lions Club, 12pm

Board Members in Attendance (* denotes absence)

President: Penny Bergstrom
VP Committees: Bill Brauer*
VP Marketing: Gary Johnston Jr.*
Treasurer: Ben Gulino
Secretary: Jennifer Long*

12:15 Pledge/Welcome to Joan Bradford/Mediacom, Annie Barsch/Mind Matters LLC, Cherie Clairmont/Railside Citrus

12:19 Approval of Minutes (Penny Bergstrom) 1st Ben Gulino, 2nd Kelly Burke, all in favor by voice vote.

12:20 Treasurer's Report (Ben Gulino) - When the lights are taken down upon the Chamber's request, the final bill will be sent by Holmgren and the Chamber will split that cost evenly with the Village of Elburn. Suggestions by Janelle Ream for more corporate sponsors to offset high cost of lights and volunteers to do lighting of multiple trees. Approval of report 1st Harley Veldhuizen, 2nd Stacy Groesch

12:27 Old Business - Bill Brauer named new VP of Committees

Christmas Stroll (John Reece/Penny) - John sincerely thanked all for help in the successful event. He will be stepping down as Chair of the Stroll 2023 but is willing to do Santa (\$100/hr) on the condition that there is only one for the sake of the kids. Laura Gampfer offered Troop #7 could make bus signs for next year. Laura also commented walked for 3 hrs and still didn't see everything, so much for kids to do. Laura heard concern over Santa being accessible. 40 businesses participated. Stacy Groesch suggested a lot more online presence/advertising.

12:36 Thanks to Elburn Lions Club for hosting.

Welcome Bag Program reintroduced. Asked for volunteers to make deliveries, several volunteered after the meeting. Calls will be made to request additional bag items from businesses we are low on.



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12:50 New Events (Penny Bergstrom) Permanent cancellation of the Health Fair. State of the Village dinner in the works - to include the Village President

12:51 Village N/A, Police - 50 people came through the Dept for Christmas Stroll, a lot more than previous year. Concern over overflowing garbage cans is all they heard. John Reece advised that John Nevenhoven will get LRS disposable boxes ahead of next year's event. Fire, N/A. Blackberry Township - Reassessments in 2023. Lions - Bingo every Friday. Feb 4th 300 drawdown Legion - Queen of Hearts every Thursday night, over \$9000. Will be selling drawdown tickets soon for 28Apr? date. Raffle upcoming also for American Legion Riders in July, the band 7th Heaven is confirmed, tickets \$10/ea, 3 prizes, limited number of tickets sold. Feb 23rd next blood drive.

Kelly Burke from Kifcure is seeking new executive assistant for tech company.

01:03 Motion to Adjourn-1st Stacy Groesh, 2nd Annette Siwy

Next Chamber Board Meeting - Wednesday, February 22nd at 12pm - Chamber office

Next General Membership Meeting - Thursday, March 2nd, The Old Elburn Hall