

Merchants Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 6th, 2017

North Andover Senior Center

120 Main Street rear, North Andover, MA 01845

Call to Order

- Round Table Introductions and Attendance (Dawn Pease)
In Attendance: Chris Palermo, Blue Dog. Brian Saad, Transition Opportunities Program [TOP]. Daniel Butkovich, TOPS. Louise Carlson: NA Thrift Shop. Tatiana Vazza, Tatiana's Treats. Marion Donahue, Pentucket Bank. Linda Pedi, Ed Pedi Photography. Sylvie Foulds, Kids Karousel. Dawn Pease, Dawn's Sign Tech. EJ Foulds, NAPD and NA Festival Committee. Mike Davis, NAFD
- Accept Minutes from January Meeting. (Dawn Pease)
- Motion to accept: Chris
- 2nd: Linda P
- All in favor: I
- Treasurer's Report (Lois McGinness) Tabled.

New Members:

Hiron Health: Akindele Majekodumni

Vector Gaming: Robert Skinnion

Guest Speakers:

Brian and Daniel spoke about hiring, internship and volunteer opportunities with the Transitions Opportunities Program.

The program provides transition services for post high school students between the ages of 18-22. Students in the program have not received a high school diploma or have not yet to meet their transition goals. Through a Person Centered Planning and collaboration with community based resources the TOPS program will work to develop skills that meet the students individualized goals around independent living and vocational development.

They are looking for businesses to partner with. Attached is a list of some of the jobs/services that are available.

For more information please feel free to reach out to Brian at bsaad@aps1.net or Daniel at dbutkovich@aps1.net

Mike Davis from the North Andover Fire Department spoke about their SAFE program [Student Awareness & Fire Education] .

During Safety awareness week , fire safety drill at the schools and when kids visit, the NAFD hand out fir safety coloring books. Reinforces the fire safety teachings. It is very popular with the kids and FD alike. FD looking for help to fund the cost of the books. Cost is \$865 this year and they would appreciate any help. Offered to put the NAMA logo and name on the coloring books.

Committee Reports

Mixers: No August mixer: Any NAMA business willing to host a mixer is welcomed to do so. Or collaborate with another business. Contact Dawn at nortandovermerchants@gmail.com

Fall Festival: Deadline was Saturday September 9th. Over 50 participants so far...some still pending and this week a lot of latecomers but all welcome. Please share event on you FB pages and help us promote our event! Volunteers needed for the NAMA tent [NAMA members] and for the general event. Sign up with this link. Your teenagers and family are welcome to sign up too! Thank you <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45aaa62aa1fe3-fall2>

Sport Scholarship Fund: Financials tabled: 65 total scholarships given out to date!

Farmers Market: Sold out/full for the year. No spots available. What a great first year. Attached details.

New and Continued Business

Knights on the Run: Saturday October 21st. 9am-11pm. There is a kids run and adult 5k.

NAMA will have a tent at the finish line and we will hand out NAMA logo'd Frisbees and NAMA bags filled with NAMA business coupons, pens, menus....any promotional item you would like us to put in the bags. We plan to hand out about 300 bags. If you have something to put in the bag, please drop off to Kids Karousel or Dawn's Sign Tech before October 14th.

We will also need help manning the tent and handing out the bags. 8am-11am approximately. A sign up sheet will be forthcoming.

Market Basket Raffle: EJ Foulds

Raffling off a 5 minute Shopping spree at Market Basket. \$20 per ticket. Max 750 tickets to be sold

Drawing will be December 3rd at the Festival Committee's Breakfast with Santa and the shopping spree will be December 10th at 6 am!! Tickets to be sold at the Fall Festival and at MB on last Fri and Sat of Oct and Nov 10 and 11 from 9-3. Will be looking for volunteers to help.

Santa Parade: EJ Foulds

Looking for floats and participants and sponsors for the Santa parade. No fee to be in the parade. There are contests for types of floats and participants [ie: dance studios] . Every band or entertainment outside of town charges a fee to be in the parade so they are in need of sponsor to pay for bands etc. If interested please reach out to EJ at Efoulds@napd.us

NAMA and the Santa Parade: NAMA has a Trombley truck displaying NAMA business banners on it.

If you cannot participate in the parade but would like to support the parade and be represented we offer putting your banner on the truck for \$100. We can support up to 18 banners or so depending on banner sizes. We raise the money to pay for the Stuart Highlanders [\$2,000 cost] a bag pipe band. If interested contact Dawn at northandovermerchants@gmail.com.

By-Laws update: Dawn

Our by-laws are the original ones from the inception of NAMA 8 years ago. We have found they need to be updated. We have a committee meeting October 19th to make the changes. Once the changes are mad a lawyer is needed to implement the change. We need a motion to approve the expense. However, we will

not know what the expense will be until it is done. We would like to estimate high and have the funds to be able to proceed.

Motion to spent up to \$1,000 for a lawyer: Chris. Second: Tatiana. All in favor

Collection for Harvey Victims: Dawn:

One of our NAMA businesses, Nova SalonSpa, is raising money for Harvey victims and will match up to \$1,000. They currently have \$300. We would like to contribute and help them achieve goal. Motion to give \$500, Marion. Second, Sylvie. All in favor.

Donation to the Fire Department: Funding the \$865 is discussed. Want to support our FD and liking that our name on the books. Motion to donate the \$865, Linda. Second, Chris. All in favor.

Next meeting October 4th, 2017. 7pm. Senior Center

Closing Thoughts and Adjournment

None;

Motion to adjourn: Chris. Second, Sylvie. All in favor