



South Portland Business Association  
Board Meeting  
February 1, 2017  
Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Kevin Countryman, Brian Tanz, Cathy Newman, Malea, Brad Nase, Richard Rizk, Chris Hatfield, Mark Eves, Ben Weinstein, Danielle Brunner

**Executive Director:** Pam Lemire

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 08:48 am by President Brian Tanz.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:**

The December minutes were approved.

**III. AGENDA ITEMS:**

- **Membership Update:** Pam reported that we had 2 new members join since our last meeting: Daya Yoga and Wildwood Vet.
- **New Board Members:** Motion was made and passed to approve two new Board Members, Ben Weinstein and Danielle Brunner. Welcome to the Board!!!
- **Holiday Party Review:** The Board agreed the Holiday Party was an excellent venue and would have been a successful event had the weather cooperated. Discussions continued as to whether or not to have future Holiday parties. Suggestions included:
  - A late spring “Block Party” between Country Financial and Rilassi Coffee. A committee was formed (Pam, Malea, Ben, Dani) to further explore the possibility and report back to the Board.
  - Willamette Park outdoor party at the covered picnic area.
  - Tag onto South Waterfront Farmers Market.
  - Sunstone front property for outdoor event.
  - Luncheons with keynote speakers (Mark and Brian will initiate contact with Bluestone and Hockley and Economics Department at PSU as possibilities)



- **Concerts in the Park:** Malea gave details of a meeting she attended about the future of the Concerts. Indication is that the series may be discontinued due to budget restrictions. Or, if it continues, will be on a smaller/limited venue. This includes the “movie nights”.
- **2017 Budget Review:** Brian shared to 2017 preliminary budget. He will circulate the final Budget to the executive committee for final review and this will be presented at the March meeting.

#### **IV. New Business:**

- Brad said that Naseco Properties has purchased Porcellis building and is searching for a new tenant.
- Richard said he has purchased the building his firm has occupied.
- Ben said that Country Financial is hosting a “March Madness” competition – details to follow by way of an email blast.
- Kevin will attend the Greenway Committee meeting on behalf of the SPBA and report details back at the next Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.

Thank you to Kevin and Rilassi for hosting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 2nd - location to follow.