

## Minutes from the November 29, 2022 GRHBA Meeting:

In attendance: Suzanne Einstein (Blue Crab Chesapeake Charters), Jim Rich (Huntingfield, Java, Sweet Cheeks) Cindy Genter (Rock Hall Properties), Jamie Williams & Jana Carter (E&TD), Sandy Scott (Hickory Stick), Laurie Walters (MSRH), Beth Dunn (RHYC), Joe Musike (Experience Sail), Brette Tucker (Durdings), Carol Britten (Town of Rock Hall Website), Dawn Jacobs (Mayor of Rock Hall), Noah Newton (Haven Harbour), Kim Porter & Susan Barnhardt (Peoples Bank), Rick Carter (Delmarva Craft), Jamie Dempsey (American Service Center), Steve Atkinson (ShoretobeFun.com), Casey Carroll (Bayside Market), Kevin Hodge (Blue Heron Oyster House), Debra Woodruff Capper (Lions), Matt Mielnick (The Mainstay). Remote: Marta Kumar (Selkie Books)

Suzanne called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Attendees introduced themselves.

### GRHBA Report:

- Correspondence: Suzanne read letters from Lions Club, Martins House & others requesting donations.
- Financials: Jim reported checking account balance is \$46,056.13 as of end of October. November financials will include membership and membership dues & map ad income.
- Visitors Center: Deborah Reese found a remote lock and Open sign for about \$300. These will be purchased.
- Cindy reported membership renewals have been coming in. This week is the end for renewals. Send Events updates to Cindy. Print quantity will be increased to 9,000 from 8,000 last year.
- The Peoples Bank will host our Holiday Party on December 6, 2022, 5-7pm. RSVP ASAP to Susan Barnhardt (sbarnhardt@pbkc.com) if you plan to attend.

**Shop Small Rock Hall and Small Business Saturday:** Business owners and MSRH reported an active day, but said the event suffered due to two locations with the carriage rides and shopping incentives. The MSRH Wrapping Station did ok.

### Main Street Rock Hall (MSRH):

- A Holiday Market will be held on Dec. 10, 11-4. 12 pop-up shops with crafters and shops will be located at the Mainstay and at George & Meg's building at the corner of Main & Sharp Sts. 4 Eateries will sell "Cup O' Lunch"; The Calliope will tour Main Street with holiday music.
- MSRH Meetings will change in 2023 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:00am at The Mainstay. All are welcome. Next meeting is January 19.
- Witches Weekend was well attended. Comments and feedback were discussed to improve next year's event.

**Economic & Tourism Development:** Jamie reported intro for the new Commissioners will be 11/30. Events should be listed on the Kent County calendar. Businesses should confirm their info is correct in the KC Business Directory. E&TD is planning for the upcoming legislative session. Micro Ag Grant applications open Jan. 2-31. Kent County has a MD Destination Grant for \$232,000 to use for marketing. KC will be featured in an ad on WUSA. Channel 9. Jana Carter will be leaving the County on 12/16. Thanks for your support Jana – we wish you the best!

**Town of Rock Hall:** Dawn Jacobs said Carol Britton does communications for the town. Send her your event info. The Crab Basket Trees will be lit and Santa comes on 12/3. Rock Hall is looking to update its water plant and lines in the streets. Cost will be \$22M funded by tax and town service increases, grants and loans. Mayor & Council will hold quarterly community meetings.

### Member Events & Comments:

- Harriet Creighton is retiring from Peoples Bank. Kim Porter was introduced as new Rock Hall branch manager.
- Lions Club needs donations for the Christmas Basket project & help for packing and delivering boxes.
- American will host a bonfire on 12/16. All are welcome.
- Mainstay has open mic night 12/14 @ 7pm. Annual pot luck is 12/31. Mainstay will be closed in January.
- ShoreToBeFun has a pop-up store in Greensboro. Will continue work in Kent County & Rock Hall.
- Durdings Store is 150 years old this year!! Congratulations!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17am. The next meeting will be January 31st at the Fire House at 9:00am.  
Cindy Genter, GRHBA Secretary