

CommUnity Team

January 3rd 2023

AJ's Riverside

Members Present: Karen Winkel-Dishong, Jan Griedl, Sue Trampf, Bobbie Erdmann, Marie Reilly, Tim Ludolph

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Tim Ludolph.

The December 6th meeting notes were reviewed and discussed, an adjustment in language about the Historical Society was discussed then Erdmann motioned and Trampf seconded the motion to approve the minutes as noted which passed by voice vote.

For the general goals for the group discussion the previous meeting's discussion was reviewed and the group present is going to look into cloud-based resources to help connect the community and communicate events in the next several months.

Sue Trampf discussed the ABC Group's recent events finding the Lighting of the Park and Christmas Parade to be continuing to grow with 171 Trees and increased media attention including WBAY and WLUK. The media outlets will be more proactively covering this story next year based on what they witnessed. The group in general discussed these events further.

Karen Winkel-Dishong discussed the recent trends with housing from the point of view of Advocap, and discussed the ongoing grant programs including the motel vouchers tentatively planned for the near future. Jan Griedl discussed the community development programs from Advocap including the Tuition Assistance; Daycare, and a concept about business incubation to illustrate how the Community Action agency is looking proactively and administering grant programs effectively to combat many of the challenges of the times. She concluded with recommending Berlin help promote the Weatherization program, one that has the ability to reach more people than it currently does because of perceptions of the income qualifications.

Marie Reilly gave an update on Berlin Community Development Corporation activity with the news they are running out of buildings downtown and beginning to shift gears to address the more challenging buildings and sites.

For the Berlin Area School District the group present discussed the newly launched B-Active program where there will be Recreation opportunity for the Community in this next year.

Sue Trampf reported the Lion's Club had met and approved five scholarships for students. The Cheese sale was a success, selling out two days before Christmas. They were also in the middle of the annual Coupon Book Fundraiser.

The group present discussed the Kiwanis Group's Christmas meal, one of several community minded events that occurred over the holidays.

There will be a Business Welcome Ribbon Cutting next Wednesday the 10th for Odds and Ends (208 Broadway- 10:30AM) and Sandi's Deals and Discounts (110 W Huron St- 11 AM)

The meeting adjourned around 11:35 AM