



**Medway Business Council Board Meeting — Minutes
February 15, 2022 — 8:30 am**

Location: Online (Zoom) Meeting

Present: **Julie Dennehy, Liz Shea, Wayne Texeira, Laura Logan, John Parrella, Clint McHoul, Kristen Salera**

Absent: **Tonia Marin, Tom Reardon**

Meeting called to order: 8:35 am

1. Welcome and check-in

2. Approve meeting minutes from the last board meeting

To be approved at the March meeting

3. Treasurer's report

To be approved at the March meeting

4. President news/updates, advocacy update ("MBC in the community")

Julie working with Barbara St. Andre on a biz dev grant. Looking for someone to apply for a grant to get a consultant on business development in Medway.

Julie's drafted a DEI statement for MBC to post on the site.

Julie in a Master Plan focus group tonight. Liz and Kristen plan to attend other sessions.

5. VP/Program news/updates

Liz has been posting MBC social updates on local businesses, MBC activities. Good feedback on Power Hour networking.

March: Handshakes and head shots (March 10, 6-8pm) at b.Luxe.

April: Networking at Popularis Construction on Main Street, near the Millis line.

May 18: Annual meeting

May add some Zoom networking sessions in between.

6. Membership report - new members, member drive

Tonia: Prepared to reach out to potential members to see if we can boost membership.

John and Wayne are keeping the membership list updated.



Julie observes that part of the economic development grant will help us learn what it is that local businesses want/need and how MBC can support them. Logistics & promotion of programs & events takes a lot of work, especially the annual meeting.

7. Scholarship update

Clint: Chris Gordon from Medway High School has a panel that votes on scholarships, rather than each donor having its own scholarship review process. Clint's been coordinating with Chris over the last few years; Chris has offered to use the school's application process and take the burden of choosing the recipients. MBC would provide scholarship \$ but would not be responsible for choosing the applicants. General consensus is that MBC board doesn't know these students like the high school panel does. Julie points out that this would be a more equitable process.

Vote: unanimously approved.

8. Challenges and wins for this month

Speaker opportunities for the annual meeting. Need to find a common thread. Business problem solving? Working

9. Next board meetings: 8:30-9:30 am, Tuesdays, on Zoom:

- 3/15
- 4/19

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.