

Saranac Lake Local Development Corporation

Monthly Meeting Minutes | February 14, 2024

Location: The Carry, 75 Main Street, Saranac Lake, NY 12983

Present: Jeremy Evans, Stephanie Bolduc Mikesell, Jessica Kemp

Absent: Blythe Niles-Lisner, Andrew Milne, Matt Scollin

Virtual: None (could not log in to zoom)

Board Chair, Stephanie Mikesell, called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

Minutes:

Since the group did not meet quorum, the January 2024 minutes were not approved.

Treasurer's Report:

No update provided.

Board Chair Report:

Stephanie Mikesell received a letter of resignation.

Old Business:

Statutory Requirements Review

- Stephanie Mikesell has her completed notarized form. Jessica will get her form notarized prior to March's meeting.
- Jessica has signed up for ABO training at the end of February 2024.

New Business:

Project Ideas

- **BluPen Residency:**
 - o Jeremy Evans and Jessica Kemp met with Kelly Brunette as well as Pendragon Theatre, Saranac Lake Free Public Library, and Bluseed Studios representatives to discuss the BluPen artist residency.
 - o Stephanie Mikesell went over the process for the mural next to The Rusty Nail. Jamie Konkoski got a group together with the Parks & Trails Advisory Board (PTAB). Then PTAB created the entire marketing and donation plan. The SLLDC set up the fundraiser on ioby.org, provided bank accounts, and the 501(c)(3) status.
- **Dining Hall:**
 - o Stephanie Mikesell expressed interest in creating a pop-up-style dining hall wherein a new business owner would be provided with a space, a kitchen, a guaranteed timeframe, and mentorship to try out a menu. Jeremy Evans and Jessica Kemp continued to brainstorm with Stephanie Mikesell. Perhaps the SLLDC receives applications and presents 2-3 finalists to the public (chosen with the help of

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successful restaurateurs in the Village) and the public gets to vote on their favorite.

Administrative

- The SLLDC has a Facebook page and a Facebook group. Stephanie Mikesell will investigate getting admin rights to these and share rights with the SLLDC board.
- The SLLDC has an email, slldc@outlook.com. Stephanie Mikesell will set up forwarding the Outlook.com inbox so it can be more proactively monitored.
- Those present expressed a need for the SLLDC to have an interest form for future projects. This will allow the Board to move forward with a full understanding of each project. What has the applicant already done? What is left to be done? Stephanie Mikesell, Jeremy Evans, and Jessica Kemp came up with a list of fields for the form and Stephanie Mikesell will create an electronic draft.
- The current project process map proposed is as follows:
Application Submitted -> Proposal Meeting with Applicant -> Applicant Solidifies Plan -> Board Approval -> Project Execution

Adjournment:

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Kemp
Secretary