

**Minutes from the
Regular Business Meeting
of the STAT Board of Directors
February 21st, 2022 – Snellville City Hall – 6:00 pm**

Board Members: Don Britt, President, Presiding; Kurt Schulz, Vice President; Kathy Emanuel, Secretary; Lucy DeForest, Treasurer; Jared Eakins; Alice Snipes; Stephanie McDonald and Andrew Yee present. Absent: Melvin Everson

Other Attendees: Kelly McAloon, STAT Executive Director Jessica Manis, STAT Administrative Assistant; Gretchen Schulz, City Councilperson.

Note: Tape Recorder had a malfunction during the meeting.

- 1.0 Call to Order / Determination of a Quorum:** President Don Britt called the meeting to order. Established that a quorum was present.
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes – January Retreat:** Motion to approve the January 29th, 2022 Board of Director Retreat Meeting minutes with 2 changes made by Kurt Schulz, seconded by Alice Snipes. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3.0 Treasurer’s Report:** Lucy DeForest reported the Farmers’ Market balance is \$18,222.53, the Community Garden balance is \$6,188.27, the STAT checking balance is \$126,735.59, the STAT Savings balance is \$17,424.97, and the Community Garden Business Market Savings balance is \$10,357.70. We are also still waiting on a payment from the city.
- 4.0 Accent Creative Group Presentation:** Pam Ledbetter had to cancel. She had a minor accident.

5.0 Old Business:

5.1 Committee Reports:

- A) **Community Garden:** Kurt reported that the Garden beds are occupied. They had a very well attended work day and are in the process of preparing for being included on the prestigious Master Gardeners’ Tour.
 - B) **Farmers’ Market:** Kurt reported that the Extended Market is doing well, vendors are very happy with sales. The Summer Farmers’ Market is filling up quickly.
 - C) **Editorial/Spirit Magazine:** Kelly reported the winter issue is out and that they are working hard on the next issue.
 - D) **Commerce Club:** Kelly thanked Kathy for filling in for her at the February meeting. The speaker for the March meeting will be Gaye Johnson, Director of Snellville Public Works.
 - E) **Events / Volunteering:** Kelly reported that she met with E. R. Snell and they agreed to help with the sand, so we will go forward with the Beach Blast. Preparations for other events is continuing. Queen is confirmed for May 28th. Departure/Journey Tribute band is booked for August 20th. Waiting on confirmation for the Chi-Town Transit Authority/Chicago Tribute band for July 23rd. Negotiations with other bands continuing. She reported that the company that provides our fireworks has been sold and the new company will be increasing the price due to the shipping increases from China. Volunteering discussed at length.
- 5.2 2022 Ornament Design:** Kathy showed one design. Discussion on several other ideas. Kathy will work up some more designs.
 - 5.3 STAT Volunteer Hours:** Alice is taking on volunteer hours. Please turn in your hours.
 - 5.4 STAT Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Celebration:** Extensive discussion. Decision to have a Volunteer Dinner in the Community Room at City Hall on April 21st at 6:00 in conjunction with the event volunteer sign up meeting already planned. We will skip any awards this year and use this event as a combination thank you and an opportunity to enlist more volunteers.

6.0 New Business:

- 6.1 Centennial Celebration Ideas for 2023:** Kelly reported that the city had their first planning meeting for the Centennial celebration. She shared notes from that first meeting. She will be attending the 2nd planning meeting on February 24th. Extensive discussion on how STAT could contribute. The celebration will continue all year. Discussion on tailoring our events to acknowledge the Centennial. Don suggested that there should be one week/weekend with a myriad of events. Extensive discussion of ideas. Discussion will continue in the future.

- 7.0 President’s Report:** No report

8.0 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Kurt Schulz, seconded by Lucy DeForest. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: Postponed

Don Britt, President

Kathy Emanuel, Secretary