

**Minutes from the
Regular Business Meeting
of the STAT Board of Directors
September 19th, 2022 – Snellville City Hall – 6:00 pm**

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

Other Attendees: Kelly McAloon, STAT Executive Director; Jessica Manis, STAT Administrative Assistant; Gretchen Schulz, Snellville City Councilperson; Deborah Jones; Liz Jackson, Community Representative for Piedmont Eastside.

- 1.0 Determination of a Quorum:** President Don Britt called the meeting to order. Established that a quorum was present.
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes – August Meeting:** A motion to approve the August 15th Board of Director Meeting minutes made by Melvin Everson, seconded by Alice Snipes. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3.0 Treasurer’s Report:** Lucy DeForest sent in the balances: The Snellville Farmers’ Market is \$19,585.04, the Community Garden balance was \$18,344.20, the Snellville Tourism and Trade Association balance was \$2644,795.69 and the STAT savings account balance was \$17,425.99.
- 4.0 Old Business:**
 - 4.1 Committee Reports:**
 - A) Community Garden:** Slowing down at the end of the season. Greenhouse crew made over \$1200.00 on their plant sales
 - B) Farmers’ Market:** Kurt reported that the market is doing great. Vendors booths close to full at every market. Extended season already has 30 vendors signed up.
 - C) Editorial/Spirit Magazine:** New edition out. Well received. Work will begin on the next issue.
 - D) Commerce Club:** Kelly reported we had a good turnout. Jonathan Holmes from “Create Gwinnett” was the September speaker. Jay Markwalter from the Georgia Association of the Convention & visitors bureau is scheduled for October. November will be our annual meeting with Don Britt reporting on STAT and board elections.
 - E) Events / Volunteering:** The concert was great and the lawn was full. Food Truck Friday was mobbed. Most food vendors were running out of food. Taste of Snellville was very well attended.
 - 4.2 Update on Flock Cameras:** Chief Perry has them ordered. There will be a discount on the price, so we will be below budget.
 - 4.3 2022 Ornament Design Update:** Kelly showed samples. They were not finished and had light colored and almost non-existent bark. Everyone not pleased with what they saw. Kelly will go back to Giles and they will work on it.
 - 4.4 Sports Tourism:** Company is busy with present project, but will begin our assessment soon. Discussion on things to consider.
 - 4.5 STAT Nominating Committee/Upcoming Election/Membership Fees:** Kelly clarified she left off Kurt Schulz who will be joining Jared Eakins, Stephanie McDonald, Alice Snipes, Lucy DeForest and Kelly McAloon on the nomination committee for the upcoming election for STAT board seats
 - 4.6 STAT Volunteer Hours:** Alice needs hours.
 - 4.7 Snellville ROCKS:** Kelly checked on rocks and prices. Planning to start with 100. Some schools planning to get their own. Kelly wants to check with city to continue it next year, but tie it in with the centennial, maybe incorporate the centennial logo. Perhaps hide some with logo and give prizes.
 - 4.8 Centennial Celebration:** The next meeting for the committee is at the end of the month. Kelly asked the one of the South Gwinnett coach if we could do some of the paper the football players run through with the Centennial. The coaches liked the idea. Will speak with Brookwood also. Discussion on maybe attending South homecoming game.

Kelly reported Andrew worked on helping with our past due Accounts Receivable and we received some past due monies. Response has been good on Scarecrow contest entries.

5.0 New Business:

6.0 President's Report: none

7.0 Adjournment: Don entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Melvin Everson, seconded by Alice Snipes. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Britt, President

Kathy Emanuel, Secretary