

**Minutes from the
Regular Business Meeting
of the STAT Board of Directors
October 17th, 2022 – Snellville City Hall – 6:00 pm**

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

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

- 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 – September Meeting:** A motion to approve the September 19th Board of Director Meeting minutes made by Kurt Schulz, seconded by Alice Snipes. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3.0 Treasurer’s Report:** Lucy DeForest reported the account balances: The Snellville Farmers’ Market is \$19,588.77, the Community Garden balance was \$18,919.03, the Snellville Tourism and Trade Association balance was \$238,767.15 and the STAT savings account balance was \$17,426.13. Don reported we had the Profit and Loss to be looked at in detail.

4.0 Old Business:

4.1 Committee Reports:

- A) Community Garden:** Kurt reported that the garden clean up went well.
- B) Farmers’ Market:** Kurt reported that the market is doing great. Several vendors sold out. Extended season shaping up well.
- C) Editorial/Spirit Magazine:** Working on the next issue due out in November.
- D) Commerce Club:** Kelly reported the November meeting will be at Summit Chase due to the elections at city hall and will be our annual meeting with Don Britt reporting on STAT and board elections. December will be our Christmas lunch at Summit Chase.
- E) Events 2022-2023:** Kelly asked for us to set a date for the annual retreat. Tentatively scheduled for January 28th. Discussion on Volunteer Dinner. Consensus was to make it a Sunday brunch. Fall Festival coming up on Saturday. Discussion on arrangements. Projecting over 75 vendors plus the food vendors. Kelly reported that The Tomlin is going to be available for Business After Hours. The Christmas Tree Lighting plans are progressing. Because of the 100th year celebration, Kelly wants to have next year’s event schedule done early. Will have it for the next meeting. Kathy mentioned that Mayor Bender and Mayor Pro Tem Emanuel had inquired as to whether we would be interested in handling the Juneteenth celebration for next year. Extensive discussion. Consensus was it should be a city event with STAT perhaps coordinating. Don will discuss with the Mayor.

4.2 Flock Cameras: Chief Perry has the cameras installed early.

4.3 2022 Ornament Approval of Sample: Kelly showed samples. Everyone liked the dark bark, so we will go forward.

4.4 Sports Tourism: Kelly has contract with a contract price of \$6,800.00. So we’re ready to go. Probably not a lot will happen until after the first of the year.

4.5 STAT Nominating Committee/Upcoming Election/Membership Fees: Kelly reported that the deadline for applications was today. We have applications from Don Britt, Kathy Emanuel, Melvin Everson, Liz Jackson and one other person.

Kelly is going to schedule presentations for our marketing for the retreat.

4.6 STAT Volunteer Hours: Alice needs hours.

4.7 Snellville ROCKS: Kelly reported that it is moving along. Also discussion working on an art program with the schools.

4.8 Centennial Celebration: Kelly reported she has been working on the centennial. The Brookwood principal suggested we put an ad on their new jumbo-tron for the centennial. South will also participate.

4.9 Meeting Rules and Regs for STAT: Kelly wanted to update the Board on some of the rules and regulations we operate under. She had sent out some information. There was some discussion. Gretchen mentioned that texts and emails are subject to the open records request.

Kelly also provided us some updated graphs and information on hotel / motel sales.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Art Projects / Schools: Discussed above during **Snellville Rocks**

Melvin mentioned the Red, Blue and new event and provided flyers with information on the event.

6.0 President's Report: none

7.0 Adjournment: We actually adjourn directly to an Executive Session so the Birthdays were moved up.

8.0 Celebration of Birthdays: Birthdays were acknowledged.

9.0 Adjournment to Executive Session called by Kathy Emanuel: Don read the reasons for an executive session. Don entertained a motion to adjourn to an closed executive session. Motion to adjourn made by Kathy Emanuel, seconded by Melvin Everson. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Britt, President

Kathy Emanuel, Secretary