

BMBA MINUTES  
JULY, 2020

**Attendees:** M. Bogosian, T. Rubin, L. Wagoner, M. Hennesey, S. Zelov, K. Barton, C. Smith, D. Cuff, C. Grafman, J. Fish, B. Fish, C. Felton

- S. Zelov reported on the Forgivable Loan Program. There would be only 15-20 applications that would qualify on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are more funds than requests and it is only available if you have not received any other government assistance. This includes home owner assistance as well. Lower Merion is allowing outdoor selling and dining.
- L. Wagoner reported that classes will resume at VU and is planned for the week of August 10<sup>th</sup> with classes starting August 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Fall break and students will leave at Thanksgiving break with a possible return in January 2021. Masks and social distancing will be required by all students and staff. A decision has not been made about resuming regular sports but all intermural sports and clubs have been cancelled. All students and staff are required to sign the Caritas Community Impact Contract and follow all CDC guidelines. There are 900-1000 students living in the community with 85% of all students residing on campus. The Health Care Center will monitor students and staff showing symptoms and are performing the Covid19 testing. Anyone living within 300 miles will go home to quarantine otherwise the Villanova Inn will be utilized as a triage center and quarantine. In person community harmony meetings will still take place with the Radnor/Lower Merion police. Students will be contacted via email and no physical addresses will be gathered. A decision has not been made about International students. VU has been in communication with all landlords renting to students in Lower Merion to introduce them to the off-campus living website. This website will be a place where landlords can submit an issue or problem in real time. Radnor/Lower Merion Township will be hosting a virtual Housing Fair to talk about being safe and smart. Take-Out Tuesday and Shop Small Business will replace restaurant week this year.
- M. Hennesey reported Bryn Mawr Hospital is still in Code Orange/Emergency Status. Every effort is being made to try to get back to normal with regards to doctors appointments, etc. Visitors are still restricted except special circumstances (Hospice, Maternity, NICU, etc.) but with strict guidelines. The hospital is still seeing COVID patients but the severity is diminishing. Protocols and information are always changing and continues to be fluid.
- C. Grafman reported BMFI hosted a popcorn event that went well and is working toward reopening but a date has not yet been determined.
- J. Fish reported business has been challenging and slow going in all aspects.
- S. Zelov suggested parking enforcement resume after Labor Day.
- D. Cuff reported BMBA bank balance is \$25,864 and BMDay bank balance is \$27,848. No membership dues have been received. It was agreed that any membership dues paid in 2020 will carry over to 2021.

- There was a discussion about putting the Holiday lights up this year. It cost approximately \$4200 to install and remove. T. Rubin will reach out to Reilly's and try negotiate pricing.
- J. Fish reported that he personally donates money to Bryn Mawr Beautiful in memory of friends each year. Funds are in a 501-C3 account and are tax deductible. D. Cuff reported BMBA donates \$3000 each year and suggested that we donate another \$3000 for flowers. A motion was made but tabled until we get the cost for installing the Christmas lights from Reilly's.
- C. Smith reported that there is no activity at Vegas Vapes and the entrance door to Weight Watchers was broken into. Hot House Coffee and Bryn and Danes are out.
- M. Bogosian reported on the overall results of the survey for BMDay 2020. The most relevant answer to whether we should have the event/attend the event was unlikely/very unlikely. 72.2% said to cancel the event with 27.7 wanting to have it. The percentage of vendors that wanted the event were vendors that make money at the event. 17% of persons surveyed said they would not wear a mask. T. Rubin feels that it is unrealistic the event can happen given the mandates by Gov. Wolf, therefore BMDay 2020 is cancelled. BMDay 2021 falls on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- M. Bogosian encouraged all businesses to send her any information you might have to put in the email blast.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bogosian