

Voctada Director's Meeting Monday, May 8th 2017
Fiasco Building 7 pm

Present: Jo-Ann, Kerry, Doug, Joy, Barb, Piers, Leigh, Suzi
Approval of agenda
2 additions- Post office paper trash
Container issue

NB. Note to establish a clear picture of finances. What we have and where it will go.

NB. Note to find minutes of last meeting, anyone?

- Vote of thanks to **Gail Fraser** for her work on the signage project and for her time as a director. 1st-Barb. 2nd - Leigh
- 2016 **membership** was "dismal" Most signed up for 1 year only. 26 paid members. We have 301 "gold" subscribers ie ones who have not opted out of receiving email blasts. Still no luck with having online membership subscriptions, but there is a form on the Voctada site. We will send out a renewal form by email to all existing subscribers. The point was made to add a small box on any shout out saying "Join Voctada- Click here."
- We need to set a clear **Mission Statement**. "Who are we, what are we and where are we going." Jo- Ann has all the files since inception. Joy will talk to Duncan to help put the history together .
- We put together some key points on **what Voctada stands for...**
 - economic development and vision
 - encouraging a wider demographic
 - promoting tourism within the Village as a destination
 - promoting the greater Chester area
 - beautification of the Village
 - engaging other like minded groups

Affordable Housing was discussed. No one will build it ie Bob Youden as there is no water infrastructure to sustain it.

- Suzi will work with Leigh on **membership**
- **Signage**- old signs need to be removed - Kerry
- **OHC Community garden**- Voctada will work with OHC to move this forward. Kerry said compost is available for community projects. The deer need to be fenced out

Call for **new directors**. All suggestions are welcome

Candidates forum at the Legion:

Kerry will book it

Need 3 advance questions and 2 spontaneous questions

- Film Industry- Piers will form question

- Biomass Clearcutting - Suzi will ask Brad Armstrong
- The future of Healthcare in NS - Joy will form question
- Affordable housing - Doug
- 1 more question needed - Kerry suggested to trim the bureaucratic fat in NS

NB> Billy Nauss may re offer for Village Commission

Voctada AGM is Monday 26th at the Rope Loft. Need to get the word out to the membership 30 days in advance

- Suzi will talk to PO about unwanted magazines in the trash
- Leigh and Jo Ann to collaborate to get the "Container survey" out to the members
- Motion to adjourn