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Purpose of BABA: To engage, promote and support the Baroda area business and community.

Tuesday December 13th, 2022 Monthly Meeting

- Location: Tabula Rasa Gallery, 8918 First Street, Baroda, MI 49101
- Meeting started at 12PM
- Attendees – Steve Salisbury (President), Greta Hurst (Vice President), Bill Hurst (Secretary and Acting Treasurer)

Agenda:

1. November minutes – approved unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report – unanimously approved.
3. Review status/next steps on each 2022 outcome:
 - a. BABA – continue into 2023 or dissolve?
 - i. We discussed that over the last several months, the Board has made many attempts to recruit new board members. While one person did come forward to say they would serve on the Board of Trustees, they indicated they could not take on a portfolio, which we need at this point. No one else came forward to take on full-time board roles. We agreed in the meeting, as we have previously, that this is unsustainable.
 - ii. We discussed recent outreach meetings Steve had with the Bridgman Chamber and the SWM Chamber (documented in November BABA meeting notes) and whether such a merger would be a good option. We decided that we would not do a merger when individual members can join the chamber of their choice on their own.
 - iii. The Board discussed that BABA operations cannot go on as they have into 2023, given the lack of Board volunteers. Consistent with several frank communications over the past two months to members, we discussed terminating BABA. A motion was put forward - "Terminate BABA operations as of 12/31/22 and 90 days thereafter proportionately distribute remaining funds after expenses to 2022 members in good standing." This motion was unanimously approved in a roll-call vote by Bill Hurst, Greta Hurst and Steve Salisbury.
 - iv. We then began to plan closeout of BABA, discussing specific steps:
 1. Hosting - We will pay Sheila Snyder to continue her hosting services through March 2023. Her invoice for this has been paid.
 2. Website Services - We are contacting Ashia to obtain passwords for the IloveBaroda.com website. In 2023, we will terminate hosting of this website. Ashia submitted an invoice covering through November, which has been paid.
 3. Extend the URL - We will extend the term of and keep the iloveBaroda.com URL. We agreed that Greta will talk to Sheila about which domain service ilovebaroda.com is registered under (we think it is GoDaddy) and what the password is, if Sheila has it. Bill will work on extending the URL.



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4. Minutes - Bill Hurst will quickly turn around the minutes, so Steve can write a letter covering our decision so it can be posted on the Website and Facebook.
 5. Steve is to write the communications to be posted on Facebook and copied to the Website, regarding our decision. Timing is dependent on quick turnaround of the minutes by Bill.
 6. Outstanding Checks - Bill will track the clearance of checks.
 7. Tangible Assets – Steve will store the tangible assets (documents, banners, supplies, etc.). We will reconvene in the spring 2023 to determine the disposition of these assets.
 8. Determine remaining funds and how much to distribute to each 2022 member – Bill will track outstanding checks, estimate any remaining expenses, and obtain a good list of members from Steve. Once checks are distributed, Bill will track the cashing of checks so we can close the BABA Huntington account within 120 days after member disbursement checks are written.
- b. 2023 events listed below are all cancelled given the discontinuation of BABA.
 - i. Michigan Works – to move to 2023, schedule to be set.
 - ii. Andrews University Innovation Lab Internship discussion – to move to 2023, schedule to be set.
 - iii. Jan – State representative come talk with us.
 - iv. Feb – Hospitality roundtable.
 - v. Mar – SCORE or broader business resource meeting.
 - vi. April Spring Clean Up – for community. Volunteer services.
 - c. Broadband
 - i. Bill Hurst discussed continuing efforts and challenges in working with various parties to fund the Phase I broadband grant request.
4. We adjourned at 1:06 PM.