

## Member Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

7:45 a.m. Bella Vista Historical Museum



Association President Kelly Dostart opened our March 2023 meeting. There were 37 people in attendance. The Museum was well represented, and a number of people remarked how impressed they were with the extensive collection of our Community's History. Xyta Lucas, Dale Phillips (Co-Presidents), Virginia Reynolds (Treasurer) and Board Member Linda Lloyd were there to welcome everyone. [www.bellavistamuseum.org](http://www.bellavistamuseum.org) –

Kelly invited BVBA Treasurer Rhonda Yazel to present the budget summary. She let everyone know about the copies of the report that she'd brought and will make available for people to look at.

**THE NEW BYLAW Revisions** were read into the record by Kelly. Copies of the revisions were provided with a summary of the more significant areas that were changed. Members can also find them online by logging in to [BellaVistaBusiness.com](http://BellaVistaBusiness.com) in the Resources tab.

Some of the more important reasons/changes include going from 12 to 6 pages and:

- a. Making them more nimble by creating a backbone of structure with less specific requirements in the Bylaws, moving to developed POLICIES to cover many of the specific details for things that are more likely to change more frequently like Membership Levels, Voting Protocol, etc.
- b. Creation of an Executive Board of 5 instead of 8 and Committee Leadership Adjunct Board
- c. Annual Election of the Executive Board instead of two year term

Members have until next membership meeting (April) to provide feedback. The Board has until the May meeting to revise and post revisions for one more Association Member review period, and a vote is held by Members at Large at the June meeting.

### Upcoming Events:

- The Museum's next Driving Tour is March 25 – which is very informative and well worth doing!
- Additionally, this Saturday the 18th is the Museum's Annual Membership Meeting, with guest speaker Randy McCrory, a historian living in Rogers who has extensively studied Benton County history. He will speak on the burning of Bentonville during the Civil War.
- Julie Hansen from Julie's Sunshine Painting invited membership to a **Spring Bling Sip, Sample & Shop** event this Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm at Parkside Apartments and Shops, 1120 South Walton Boulevard in Bentonville. They'll have over \$400 in prizes to give out (no purchase necessary).

### March 5-Minute Featured Business

#### Linda Lloyd – Featuring the Bella Vista Foundation

[Bella Vista Foundation \(thebellavistafoundation.com\)](http://thebellavistafoundation.com)

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 and provides grants to entities within Bella Vista to be used to enhance the Bella Vista community including its amenities, facilities, recreation activities, community events and programs. Linda pointed out it's a great way to make a smaller personal donation go a long way once it's aggregated into what can become a larger grant. This summer's golf-for-charity event on June 21<sup>st</sup> will include a Silent Auction and Wine Tree – Watch for details, donate some nice wine, and attend the Silent Auction for a good cause.

- Linda also brought up that St. Bernards is hosting the annual tree or shrub giveaway on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Get there early, they have 200 and last year everything was done within 45 minutes.

The winner of the March **BVBA Pay It Forward \$100 door prize** was given by Pat from Pat's Avon and was won by Gary at Comfort Keepers.

Alison Van Hecke, Lighthouse Group NWA was the winner of the **BVBA Pay It Forward \$100 door prize** to give away at next month's meeting.

#### **NOTES FROM THE BOARD**

- **Next meeting** will be at Bella Vista Community Television 1801 Forest Hills Boulevard, Suite 203 on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30 pm
- **Let's TALK** – Communications Board Member Becky Parmelee is standing ready to communicate any events and promotions for your business in our various social media venues – so send an email with things you'd like to promote to [BellaVistaBusinessAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:BellaVistaBusinessAssociation@gmail.com)
- **Get your business online** – contact At-Large Board Members Babs and Bill Verbrick for coaching to make that happen