

Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce
Babylon Village Historical Society – 117 W. Main St. Babylon, NY
Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

President Nancy Iglesias Gillen, Mr. John Capizzi stood in for V.P. Nicole Zuvich, Esq., 2nd V.P. Gina Gonzalez, Sean Esna, Treasurer, and Christina Sciuto, Board Member.

- I. President Nancy Iglesias-Gillen called the Chamber general meeting to order at 6:43 PM. She welcomed the attendees. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Nancy Iglesias-Gillen requested a motion to accept the February Chamber Board meeting minutes. Mr. John Capizzi made a motion, Gina Gonzalez seconded, and the board voted to accept the minutes. She then gave a quick report that due to the continual progression of technology and business owners' demands, the voting process was structured to today's ability to accommodate all to vote for a right, fair, and just outcome. All four motions were passed and will be duly incorporated into the Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce Bylaws.

- II. President Nancy Iglesias-Gillen summarized the evening agenda quickly and went directly into Chamber business.

- III. Vice President of Membership Nicole Zuvich, Esq. could not attend this meeting. Therefore, she sent a proxy representative, Mr. John Capizzi, from The Law Offices of Nicole Zuvich, Esq., to give the membership report. It was reported that there are currently 88 registered Members. President Iglesias-Gillen remarked that a list of associate members is waiting to register.

- IV. 2nd Vice President of Events, Gina González, reported on the progress of the Easter Bunny Parade and Egg Hunt. Posters were distributed throughout the Babylon Village District with the Easter Bunny Egg Symbol to create awareness of participating establishments. President Iglesias-Gillen was scheduled to march with Patty Cotton Tail and take photos of all the families with their children at the Argyle Falls until noon. Then, reappear before the Fitness Incentive from 1 to 3 p.m. to take more photos.

2nd V.P. González also reported on the Annual Raffle Basket Auction and shared how to access the Chamber website, register your donation for pick up or drop off, and purchase your tickets through Eventbrite with the ease of our updated website. She also reminded everyone of the importance of the event since it sustains the many annual events the Chamber hosts for the establishments and professionals in the Babylon Village Downtown District.

- V. Treasurer Sean Esna gave a financial update, reporting that the Chamber's current bank account balance is \$29,442.44.
- VI. Guest Speaker Alexandra Rivera discussed the topic of, "How to Manage Social Media with the BVCC" She directed attendees on how to tag and follow the Chamber so she could promote their business. Her presentation was concise and to the point. She also took the time afterward to guide individuals on their phones, personally.

- VII. The BVCC Sponsor/Webmaster, Zohair “Z” Yasin, was introduced to our attendees via Zoom. He briefly introduced himself and mentioned how he was honored to work with the BVCC.
- VIII. President Iglesias-Gillen reminded everyone that the next Chamber meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30th at Mary Carroll’s in Babylon Village. Special guest speakers will be Conor Hartnett, Mary Carroll’s owner and Stick’s founder. Followed by Sean Esna, our treasurer, on how Twilio supports small business owners and its excellent benefits.

Additional announcements included three ribbon cuttings on the schedule, as follows:

- Momentum School of Music, Friday, May 3, 2024, at 5:00 pm, at 12 Railroad Ave. Babylon.
- Salon Protégé, Saturday, May 11, 2024 @ 2:00 pm at 18A Railroad Ave. Babylon.
- The Blind Spot, Friday, June 14, 2024, at 10:00 am, at 93 E. Main St. Babylon.

The vendor vetting process for the BVCC Street Fair Festivals was addressed in detail, and members were advised to register their spots ASAP so we can move forward with scheduling our events without complications. The BVCC is always available for guidance, and our website is maintained daily.

- IX. President Iglesias-Gillen asked for a motion to adjourn the membership portion of the meeting at 7:45 PM. A motion was made by Mr. John Capizzi to adjourn, seconded by 2nd V.P. Gina González. Being unanimous, the motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Iglesias-Gillen
President
(On behalf of Secretary Thomas Vitale)