

THOMASVILLE ABC BOARD

Minutes of February 28, 2023, Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Thomasville ABC Board was called to order by Chairman, Tom Holladay at 10:00am at the store located at 1144 Randolph Street in Thomasville, NC, with the following board members present: Tom Holladay, Chairman, Cran Plyler, Vice-Chair, and Neal Grimes, Secretary/Treasurer. Also present were Leigh Ann Lowe, General Manager, and Terri Fisher, Managing Director of Fairgrove Resource Center.

Ms Lowe reported that our long time ABC Enforcement Officer, Lt. Raymond Widner, has been reassigned within the police department and will no longer be attending our meetings.

The chairman referenced the conflict-of-interest statement and no member voiced any issue with anything on the agenda. The minutes of the January 17, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. **Motion-Plyler, Second-Holladay, Unanimous**

As stated in the January minutes, the board has several issues and questions to the Thomasville School System of their use of their accumulated funds given them under Statue 18 B.805.

Ms Fisher from Fairgrove Resource Center was invited to the meeting to present her proposal if awarded those funds in the future. She gave a very informative and convincing life skills training program developed by Gilbert J. Botvin, PhD from the Cornell University Medical College. This program speaks very directly to the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and vaping and has separate syllabus for elementary, middle and high school ages.

And at the invitation of the Thomasville Middle School vice-principal, Ms Fisher has already successfully presented this program to select students of the 6th grade with plans to expand to the 7th grade next year if adequate funding.

This existing program goes a long way in addressing the city school students but also she conducts a similar program at their location on Fairgrove Road for county school students (MANY of which are Thomasville residents because of the unusual situation between the Thomasville School system and the Davidson County School System).

After Ms. Fisher left, the board enthusiastically decided to:

- 1) Begin forwarding those funds with the next quarterly distribution to the Fairgrove Resource Center to continue the Bodvin course of study, and
- 2) Directed Mr. Plyler to draft a letter to the Thomasville School System of our intentions and requesting them to direct the remainder of their remaining \$80,551.22 in support of the Bodvin program so the Fairgrove Resource Center can expand that already proven program to more grades. **Motion-Grimes, Second-Plyler, Unanimous**

Payroll reports for weeks ending 1/23/22, 2/4/23, and 2/18/23 were presented and approved.

The January Law Enforcement Report was received as presented with no issues reported.

ATTACHMENT A

Monthly sales in January were up 13.72% due in large part to the store being open 9am-9pm this year verses 11am-7pm in 2022 because of staffing last year. The state sales were up 10.78%. Weekly sales continue to surpass \$100,000!! **ATTACHMENT B**

The January Balance Sheet shows more inventory over last year which is good, and the Income Statement shows more expense for personnel and benefits. **ATTACHMENT C**

There are no budget amendments necessary currently. **ATTACHMENT D**

The store reset proposal is complete. The Gin section has been reset with other interior sections to be reset over slow Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday. The wall areas will need to be done over a couple of Sundays.

Ms. Lowe is still hounding electrical contractors to quote and install the new lighting system over the register area. Hopefully with in a couple of months.

Ms. Lowe also indicated she is interviewing an excellent full time employment candidate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the March 21, 2023. **Motion-Plyler, Second-Grimes, Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Holladay, Chairman

Cran Plyler, Vice-Chair

Neal Grimes, Secretary/Treasurer

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