

## Minutes from 2/2/23 DBPA Annual Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order.

Rod introduced guest speaker Amy Allender.

Amy Allender spoke to being a transplant to Minot and making the most of being here and choosing to stay.

Rod introduced Casey (events chair)

- Casey went over list of events board has approved for the 2023
- Casey over what the board has discussed so far about possibly getting lights for downtown and showed a sample Pretty Lights provided
- Melinda Howe asked about having businesses do a competition for best Christmas display. Casey said that could be a possibility.

Minot Lions asked for introductions around the room.

Rod described

- investment committee, which includes Rod and Chad.
- membership committee, meets on Fridays at 9am at Gourmet Chef
- announced goal is to go from 100 members to 150 members

Rod introduced Chad (membership chair)

- Chad made announcement that the board voted to increase business membership dues from \$200 to \$250 effective today (2/2/23).
- Chad went over goal to grow membership and efforts committee, including Nicole and Adam have been working on.
- Melinda Howe spoke to being a new member and asked if anyone living downtown can also be members. Chad and Nicole addressed that saying anyone be a "supporter".
- The idea of a welcome package also was discussed. Board members said plans are in the works.

Rod started election process to elect board members:

Jason was nominated by Debbie Harris. Nicole DesRosier seconded.  
Chad was nominated by Denise Lindbo. Jeremy Mahany seconded.  
Christine Staley nominated herself. Jason Bentley seconded.  
Adam Dyess was nominated by Jeremy Mahany. Chad Wright seconded.  
Casey Klein made motion to close nominations.

Each candidate was given opportunity to speak to the group.

Members wrote their three choices on an index card, Debbie Harris and Nicole DesRosier collected the votes, and Nicole counted the votes.

Jason: 19, Chad: 20, Adam: 18, Christine: 3

Rod started election process to elect positions for the board:

Denise nominated Chad for president. Kelli Sink seconded. Unanimous vote.

Margie nominated Casey for vice president. Nicole/Denise seconded.

Margie made motion to close nominations. Chad seconded. Unanimous vote.

Casey nominated Jason for treasurer. Denise seconded.

Adam made motion to close nominations. Margie seconded. Unanimous vote.

Denise nominated Adam for secretary. Chad seconded.

Casey made motion to close nominations. Nicole seconded. Unanimous vote.

Debbie Harris gave an idea for having a DBPA Christmas ornament for businesses to sell and/or for people to add to the Christmas tree.

Rod said the downtown gift cards have been getting used with additional money being spent at the businesses they are being used at.

Casey made motion to adjourn meeting. Margie seconded.

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Rod made motion to pay Amy Allender \$100 for speaking at the meeting. Jason and Chad seconded. Motion passed among board members still present.