



**Heart of Illinois Hospitality Association**  
***Board Meeting Minutes***  
***Wednesday, November 14, 2018***  
***Host: Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center***

**Presidents Report:** Dan Kouri welcomed everyone, thanked everyone for coming and thanked Embassy Suites for hosting the Holiday Reception.

**Approval of October 10, 2018 Minutes:** Dan Kouri presented the October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes. MaryBeth Milburn motioned for approval of the minutes. Jess McMullin seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Josh Burnett was unable to attend the meeting, Carl Bunker reported in his absence. Carl reported there were several transactions for the Golf Scramble and the Rivermen night. Carl stated that all invoices had been received for Golf and the 50/50 split was paid in full to the PACVB. MaryBeth Milburn motioned for approval of the Treasurer's report and Jeff McLinden seconded the motion and the report was unanimously approved.

**Standing Reports:**

*Peoria Civic Center-* Jess McMullin gave a quick update stating there were lots of entertainment coming up in the next few months. Jess also stated the sales team is busy working on the fall 2019 schedule. Additionally Jess suggested signing up for VIP notifications.

*PACVB:* Don Welch reported the CVB has had a good year. Don stated the sales team has been working very hard. Don reported that Lelonie just returned home from the "HPN" (hospitality network) and has some great leads. Finally Don pointed out the registration for the Santa Cause 5K was open, he encouraged all to register and let them know that with every registration you would receive a five piece Santa suit.

*IHLA:* There was no representative at the meeting, no report given.

*IRA:* Mike Murphy was unable to attend the meeting, no report given.

*HOIHA Membership:* Carl Bunker reported 2019 Membership will be billed out on November 1<sup>st</sup> which will provide the hospitality association with \$12,000.00 of income.

**Committee Reports:**

*Winterfest 2019:* MaryBeth Milburn and Joni Staley reported the annual Winterfest planning is in full force. MaryBeth reminded everyone to start watching for nominations, she encouraged everyone to place nominations and to not ignore the opportunity to highlight a deserving company or highlight an employee. Joni stated this is a great time to recognize achievements that have taken place throughout 2018.

**New Business:**

John Beintema with Ameren explained the Free Smart Thermostat cards that were distributed to everyone at registration. John stated they will get you a Smart Thermostat values at up to \$250 and all you have to do is go online with the information that is on the card. John stated it will learn your activity and will reduce your electric cost by 10-15%.

Dan Kouri stated that there are lots of changes taking place in the City of Peoria regarding taxation. Dan urges everyone to take an active roll, be involved in the community and to take a stand and attend city council meetings. Dan indicated that he will continue to keep the board aware of any additional taxes or issues that may impact the membership as he has done with the Stormwater retention issue.

With no further discussion, John Beintema motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Jeff McLinden seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judy Martin*

HOIHA Association Management