## Fauquier Chamber of Commerce Events Committee Meeting Minutes April 5, 2023

**Members Present:** Ray Knott, Co-Chair, Gloria Williams, Chair of the Valor Awards, Andy Rose, Chair of the Fall Festival, and Alec Burnett

Members Absent: Michelle Code, Dawn Arruda

## Minutes:

The Fauquier Chamber of Commerce Events Committee meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by committee Co-Chair, Ray Knott

## **Sub Committee Reports:**

Valor Awards (Wednesday 4/19/23) -Gloria Williams provided an update on the recent Valor Awards Committee meeting. She advised they had received \$9,275 in sponsorships and ticket sales to date. She advised that they had selected Serendipity Catering to handle the catering, and the cost was being finalized but estimated around \$9,000. All other items had been completed and were moving along. The current focus was on ticket sales, which they were expecting would pick up as moving closer to the event.

**Fall Festival (Saturday 9/23/23)** – Andy Rose advised that the Chamber had locked down the use of Eventney to provide the vendor management software. The cost of Eventney was \$2,000 per year, and that Eventney had joined the Chamber. Next steps are to work on possible sponsorship strategies and the developing and securing volunteers for the event.

**Annual Meeting/Gala (Thursday 11/9)** – Discussion was around securing venues for the event. The discussion was to get proposals from Airlie, Great Marsh, Morias Vineyards, Barrell Oak, 3 Fox Winery, Airport Terminal, and some others. It was agreed that Ray Knott would start reaching out in an effort to get a venue secured by no later than early May.

No other business was brought before the Events Committee so the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully,

Ray Knott Events Committee Co-Chair