

MINUTES
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
December 6th 2011 – Chamber Conference Room

Present: Guy Clairmont, Margie Ritter, Kristi Deboer, Andrew Basarich

Chamber Staff: Bud Stone & Kerry Larsen

Guy Clairmont called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Margie Ritter made a motion to approve the October 2011 meeting minutes (There was not a November meeting); Guy Clairmont seconded; Motion carried.

ACTION: No further action needed.

TEAM REPORTS: The committee gave updates of their visits.

Marla – Wine Creations

Margie – For My Cell

Kerry – Stage Left & Walgreen’s, Pokegama Therapy, Wylde Time Catering, Spider Lake, Three Bears Candy, Birch Cove

Dave –

Guy –

Len – Faithful Consignment

Brad –

Total: As December 6th of 2011 = 76

ACTION: Kerry will continue to schedule appointments and ask for committee members to volunteer. Kerry reminded members that there is no Jan. 2012 meeting. Kerry will start making appointments in Jan. 2012.

2012 Goals & Missions:

The committee members discussed the 2012 Goals & Mission statement. The committee members decided to add to the 2012 goals- “Continue to support Grow Minnesota initiative”. Kerry will add this to the 2012 membership Goals & Mission statement. Margie made the motion to approve the 2012 Goals and Mission statement with that addition; Guy Clairmont seconded; Motion carried.

ACTION: Kerry will make that change for 2012.

Discussion:

The committee discussed the fact that during recent Membership Visits there seems to be a re-occurring theme regarding interpretation of the Grand Rapids City Building Codes. The committee requested that this issue be placed on the next Chamber Board Agenda for discussion at that level. Guy Clairmont volunteered to be the spokesperson for the committee.

ACTION: Bud will update the committee at the Feb. meeting

Committee Members:

Committee members discussed new committee members. The committee would like to get a few more members to help reach out to members. Kerry asked the committee to think of chamber members that would possibly be interested in participating. Bud mentioned he will call Jon from Tiovo’s to see if he would be interested in participating.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is Feb. 7th 2012 @ 12:00 noon Chamber Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Kerry Larsen, Membership & Tourism Committee