

**Young Professionals
Chamber Conference Room
March 11th, 2010**

PRESENT: Melissa Roberts, Andy Mundt, Guy Clairmont, Carie Olds, Karla Trast, Kristina Clark

STAFF: Kerry Larsen & Bud Stone

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

APPROVAL OF FEB. 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Kristina Clark asked for a motion to approve the Feb. 2010 minutes; Andy Mundt made a motion to approve the Feb. minutes; Guy Clairmont seconded; motion carried.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

FEB. 11th 2010 EVENT:

The committee discussed the event on Feb. 11th 2010, which was held at Clementine's. Officer Matt Gookins of the Grand Rapids Police Department discussed his life as a cop, how to become one, what they see in a day, what getting tazed feels like and statistics for Itasca County. Guy Clairmont was at the presentation and said it was a very informational event and approximately seven attendees were there.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

REIF CENTER & BOUNDARY WATERS BLUES FESTIVAL:

Kristina gave a brief update regarding the Reif Center. The Reif Center has shown interest in partnering with the Young Professionals offering discounted tickets with a possible theme night. Andy informed the committee that the Boundary Waters Blues Festival is coming to Grand Rapids on July 29th – August 1st 2010. Andy has invited the group to come and speak to the Young Professionals for the April event, which would be April 8th 2010. Andy mentioned they would like to have their ribbon cutting at this time. Andy will get more details and make a flyer for Kerry to email out to the members with email as soon as he can.

ACTION: Andy and Kerry will work together making sure the Ribbon Cutting will be taken care of. Kristina will talk with the Reif Center and get more details. Andy will make a flyer for the April Event and make sure Kerry has it to email out to the members with email.

UPDATE ON "WHAT'S UP ITASCA" & NEW BUSINESS

The committee was updated on the following items:

- Bud updated the committee on an invitation to become involved in the City of Grand Rapids Police Academy. If anyone is interested to let Bud know.
- New Trail System
- Trip to Capitol regarding anti-mining legislation
- Highway 169 east construction for the summer of 2010
- Railroad crossing up-dates and closures

ACTION: No further action is needed.

EVENT PROPOSALS

The committee discussed events for each month. The event for March was at the Itasca Curling Club. The committee members said they had a great turnout. Andy has the April event lined up. Andy will tie up a few loose ends and get the information to Kerry as soon as possible to email out to members with email. Carie Olds suggested attending the Community Foundations Fundraiser for the October event called Oktoberfest. Kristina Clark mentioned if the May 12th 2010 event at the Range Regional Airport all Chamber/ Chamber After Five could be considered the May event? Or does the committee still have the informational events on the second Thursday of each month as planned and the Oktoberfest and the Range Regional Airport event be considered extra networking events? The committee talked briefly about how to measure if the events are successful or not. Is it by attendance? Or? The committee will go back to the Mission Statement and Goals to make sure the committee is completing the goals for 2010. Kristina tabled this until April's meeting.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

COMMUNICATIONS SUB – COMMITTEE/IDEAS/WELCOME PACKET

N/A

ACTION: This will be discussed at the next meeting in April.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be April 8th 2010 /12:00 noon, Chamber Conference Room.

MEETING ADJOURNED