

**Young Professionals  
Chamber Conference Room  
April 10th, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Melissa Roberts, Mike Stefan, Guy Clairmont, Brittney Venaas,

**STAFF:** Carie Olds, Bud Stone

Melissa Roberts called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

Melissa Roberts asked for a motion to approve the March minutes; Brittney Venaas made a motion to approve the March minutes; Guy Clairmont seconded; motion carried.

**UPDATE ON “WHAT’S UP ITASCA” CORY, GUY AND MIKE AND SHANNON**

Melissa Roberts brought up the concern that members are looking for transportation alternatives. This is specific to YP events planned in the coming months to bars and restaurants as well as the concern for safe rides on a regular basis from many patrons leaving bars and restaurants.

No new business was reported by Guy Clairmont and Mike Stefan.

**ACTION:**

Melissa Roberts will address this transportation concern to Bud Stone.

**FEBRUARY EVENT FEEDBACK**

Carie Olds reported to the group that the happy hour event held at the Ground Round was well attended. Hannah Tanata, ASV marketing representative was a newcomer to YP and she was able to meet new members at the event. Hannah wished to be notified of all future events and felt that the YP was an outlet she was looking for to begin networking in this community.

**ACTION:**

Carie Olds will add Hannah Tanata to the YP contact list.

**EVENT PLANNING UPDATE**

Melissa updated the group about the upcoming YP event at River’s. It was suggested that a potential speaker may be the CEO of Grand Itasca. He is considered to be a young professional who may be able to answer questions about the move to this new position as well as become familiar with other YP’s in this community.

A bowling event at Rasley’s Blueberry Bowl is scheduled tentatively for May. Transportation is a concern for this event.

A Thursday night event in June will be scheduled through The Reif Center.

**ACTION:**

Shannon Rajala is in contact with the CEO of Grand Itasca and will update the YP committee of his availability.

Carie Olds will contact Dave Cartwright at Blueberry Bowl and confirm date and costs for the May event.

Shannon Rajala will plan the June Reif Center event and update at the may meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS: GROUP ACTION AND OWNERSHIP**

Melissa Roberts informed the group of the upcoming Business Round Table to be held Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am.

Carie Olds also mentioned that she contacted Tom Osborn about the possibility of YP attendance at these informal roundtable meetings. He encouraged it and sent an agenda for Monday's meeting which focuses on the School Districts and upcoming referendum proposals.

The YP committee members in attendance verified that they will attend this Round Table meeting.

Melissa Roberts feels that personally calling to engage the YP leadership group to attend civic meetings is necessary for their participation.

Bud Stone mentioned that all of the YP group should be engaged and pointed out that the impact that having more in attendance at these meetings will be much greater.

Bud Stone also made it clear that the Steering Committee is who the YP's look to and their own attendance at events is important.

Bud Stone feels that business visits by the YP group is a good way to create relationships within the business community and have the Chamber Young Professionals more recognizable. ASV was introduced as an immediate candidate for a business visit.

**ACTION:**

Melissa Roberts will be contacting Carie Olds about upcoming county or city meetings and the agendas to be sent out to the YP members to encourage their attendance.

Carie Olds will contact Joe Broking at ASV and set up a business visit for the YP.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY MEETING**

Business Roundtable, Business visit, and civic meeting attendance. What's up Itasca will update. Event committee will provide update. New business.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be May 8th @ 12:00 noon, Chamber Conference Room

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by Carie Olds – Membership Assistant