

**Young Professionals
Forest Lake
September 9th 2010**

PRESENT: Andy Mundt, Carie Olds, Kristina Clark, Melissa Roberts, Rachel Graf,

STAFF: Kerry Larsen & Bud Stone

Kristina Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Kristina Clark asked for a motion to approve the May 2010 minutes; Andy Mundt made a motion to approve the May minutes; Carie Olds seconded; motion carried.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

COMMITTEE DIRECTION:

Kristina discussed what the committee reviewed at the brainstorming session at Rivers Italian a few weeks ago. Kristina mentioned the committee is regrouping and starting with a new fresh perspective. Kristina and Melissa plan on meeting and talking with Duluth "Fuse" and see how they became "Fuse" and what the programming piece is for the group. "Fuse" is similar to the Grand Rapids Area Young Professionals group. Missy and Kristina are hoping to get some really good ideas from this meeting. The committee members discussed Casino night and the scholarships. Bud talked with committee hoping this could be a great partnership and direction for the Young Professionals. Bud will talk to Dee at White Oak Casino and Edie at the Sawmill and explain that they could be recognized as partnering with the Chamber's Young Professionals Committee as part of the initiative to raise money for the YP Scholarship Fund. Kerry has a call into Dee to see if the November 17th 2010 date will work. Bud will call Edie and talk with her regarding menu options. After a brief discussion the committee members decided to go ahead with this event. Rachel made a motion to approve the Young Professionals to organize the Casino night; Carie Olds seconded; Motion carried. Bud will consult with the board of directors by email just to get board approval, but Bud did not see a problem with it.

ACTION: Kerry will follow up with Dee. Bud will call Edie at the Sawmill. When a few more details are worked out, Bud will send out an email calling for another meeting to finalize the details of the Casino night. Melissa and Kristina will give an update on the meeting with Duluth "Fuse" at the October meeting.

2010 DEBATE SERIES:

Melissa Roberts mentioned to the committee that she would like to organize a 2010 Election Debate Series at the Myles Reif Performing Arts Center. Melissa will spearhead this event and communicate with Bud working out the details. Melissa will finalize this and get a flyer to email out to the Chamber Members. The Young Professionals and Myles Reif Performing Arts Center will sponsor the event. Melissa plans on having Patrick Marx as the Guest Moderator. This will be a great way to ask questions to the Sheriff and Commissioner candidates. Carie Olds made a motion to go ahead with the 2010 Debate Series; Andy Mundt seconded; Motion carried. There was

also discussion about having two series of debates. There is a \$200 charge for each one.

ACTION: Melissa will finalize all the details. Melissa will get all information to committee members and the chamber as soon as possible. Bud will check with the Board by e-mail to see if they are willing to advance the YP the money for the two debates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Kristina informed the committee members about Oktoberfest - Friday 24th 2010 at the Sawmill Inn from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. - supporting the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

**The committee members decided to have their monthly meetings at Rivers Italian.

ACTION: Kristina will call and confirm this and let Kerry know.

**The October meeting will be dedicated to discussing 2011 Mission and Goals. Bud will bring information that was given about the committee from the Board of Directors. The Casino Night will also be discussed.

ACTION: Kerry will put this on the October agenda.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be October 14th 2010 /12:00 noon, Rivers Italian

MEETING ADJOURNED