

**Ambassador Committee
Chamber Conference Room
August 10th 2011**

Present: Dianna Mattfield, Diane Skelly, Laurie Nivala, June Johnson, Dwight Moody, Brad Johnson, Jessica Knutson, Jane O' Leary

Chamber Staff: Kerry Larsen

Call to Order: Dianna Mattfield called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2011 MINUTES:

Brad Johnson made a motion to approve the June 2011 minutes; June Johnson seconded; Motion carried.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

UPDATE EMAILS & INFORMATION:

N/A

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

****Ribbon Cuttings/Greetings:**

The committee was updated on ribbon cuttings. These consisted of Grand Dental Center, Home Instead Senior Care, Stage Left, Serv Pro, Rapid Weightloss and Boy Scouts of America. Kerry confirmed upcoming greeters for September 12th luncheon & the August 24th Chamber Connection at Country Financial. Kerry will email the volunteers to Stacy.

ACTION: Stacy will continue to ask for committee member volunteers as needed.

****Chamber Connections:**

Kerry Larsen briefly updated the committee on Chamber Connections. Kerry will continue to communicate with Michelle Graber about upcoming connections.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

New Members:

Kerry updated the committee on new members. These consisted of The Harbor Grand Sports Bar & Grill, Mining Minnesota Pokegama Grill & Trish Klein – individual. Kerry asked the Ambassadors to drop off the Chamber signs to new Chamber members. Kerry felt it was important to get these signs in their store fronts. Stacy will continue to schedule their ribbon cuttings. Signs that were taken were Wine Creations – Diane Skelly, One Main Financial – June Johnson, Daylight Donuts – Jessica Knutson, Bloomers- Diane Skelly, Walgreens – Stacy Grosse, The Grand Harbor – Brad Johnson and Rapid Fuel – Dianna Mattfield. The Ambassadors will let each business know someone will be contacting them for a ribbon cutting.

ACTION: Kerry will get an update at the next meeting on how the delivery of the signs went.

New Ambassadors:

The committee voted on accepting three new ambassadors these are: Diane Clough from Rapid Weight loss, Jessica Knutson from Maven Perspectives and Lori Whitted from AmericaInn. June Johnson made a motion to accept the new ambassadors; Stacy Grosse seconded; Motion carried. Dianna Mattfield will call the new ambassadors and welcome them to the committee. Kerry will email the new ambassadors to Dianna so she can update the roster. Kerry will make sure they get added to the Ambassador emails. Kerry will also get the new names to Stacy so she can update her records.

ACTION: No further action needed

Concerns/Questions:

The ambassadors talked briefly in how to improve communication between ambassadors. Committee members have decided to try and get four Ambassadors at each ribbon cutting – no more no less. Stacy Grosse and Laurie Nivala will be working together to create a better communication system in for greetings and ribbon cuttings in the future. Ambassadors also mentioned to remember what the attire is Ambassadors. The committee felt that sometimes attire has been getting away from the required dress code.

ACTION: Stacy Grosse and Laurie Nivala will be contact with each other and come up with a better communication system for greetings and ribbon cuttings.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September 14th 2011 at Chamber of Commerce at 8:00 AM.