

**Ambassador Committee
Chamber Conference Room
June 8th 2011**

Present: Dianna Mattfield, Diane Skelly, Peg Schagh, Michelle Graber, Laurie Nivala, June Johnson, Dwight Moody

Chamber Staff: Kerry Larsen & Bud Stone

Call to Order: Peg Schagh called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2011 MINUTES:

June Johnson made a motion to approve the May 2011 minutes; Diane Skelly seconded; Motion carried.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

UPDATE EMAILS & INFORMATION:

Dianna will update the 2011 Ambassador list. Dianna will email this to Kerry to email out to the committee members. Kerry informed the committee that Amber Kaczor had to resign from the Ambassador committee due to a new job change; Jessica Knutson from Maven Perspectives is joining the committee. Jessica was asked by Stacy Grosse to be an Ambassador. Once Jessica turns in her application it can be approved by the committee members.

ACTION: Kerry will remind Jessica to turn in her application. Kerry will also get her on the Ambassador email list.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Greetings & Ribbon Cuttings:

Kerry went over greetings and ribbon cuttings. Upcoming greetings and ribbon cuttings are as follows. June 15th 2011 – three ribbon cuttings 10:00 a.m. Rapids Weight Loss, 11:00 Stage Left, 12:00 5 Star Pest Control. June 17th 2011 – two ribbon cuttings 11:00 Home Instead Senior Care and 1:30 Serv Pro. June 22nd 2011 greeting at Diamond Willow, June 24th 2011 one ribbon cutting which is Grand Dental Center at their new location. Kerry did make a correction and let the committee members know July's Chamber Connection hosted by Edward Eck Design on July 27th is from 11:30 – 12:30 not 8 – 9 a.m. at the Chamber Depot Conference Room. Kerry reminded the committee members if you would like to volunteer at the Golf Outing please contact Renee at 218-326-6619 or email her renee@grandmn.com for more information. Kerry did mention there is no July meeting. Kerry will ask Stacy to email Dwight the ribbon cutting/greeting sheet in a different format so Dwight can open it to read.

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

Chamber Connections:

Michelle Graber briefly updated the committee on Chamber Connections. Kerry mentioned the correction again for Edward Eck Designs July connection is from 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. instead of 8 – 9 am. This will be held in the Chamber Conference Room.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

NEW MEMBERS:

Kerry updated the committee on the new members. These consisted of Wine Creations and Stage Left. Kerry is hosting a Chamber Does What on June 14th and feels a few new members will come out of that meeting. Kerry explained lots of changes are going on with members these consisted of Latvala Lumber hiring a new employee, The Rock has expanded their business with healthcare scrubs, nurses shoes, and etc., Home Instead Senior Care opened an office in Grand Rapids, Grand Dental Center moved to a new building on the Golf Course Road and Rapid Rental and Supply opened a mini storage.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

TALL TIMBER DAYS PARADE:

Diane Skelly asked the committee members if the Ambassadors wanted to participate in the Tall Timber Days parade. After a brief discussion, the committee members asked Bud if he could send an email out to the members to see if they would like to walk in the parade with the Ambassadors holding the banner "Taking Care of Business". The member business could wear their shirts and or clothing with their logo and etc for advertisement if wanted to. The committee thinks this is a great idea. Bud will send an email out to the members asking if they would like to participate as soon as possible. Diane will email Kerry the details of the parade so Bud can include this in the email. The committee feels if they could get more participates they would do the parade this year. If there is not enough responses they will probably not participate due to lack of interest.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be August 10th 2011 at Chamber of Commerce at 8:00 AM. Reminder July meeting has been cancelled.