

**Ambassador Committee  
Chamber Conference Room  
March 10th 2010**

Present: Andy Mundt, Bobbie McInerney, Diane Skelly, Brad Johnson, Tami Pohl, Jane O'Leary, Dana Rachuy, Stacy Grosse

Chamber Staff: Kerry Larsen & Bud Stone

Call to Order: Andy Mundt called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

**APPROVAL OF FEB. 2010 MINUTES:** Diane Skelly made a motion to approve the Feb. 2010 minutes; Bobbie McInerney seconded; Motion carried

ACTION: No further action is needed.

**UPDATE EMAILS & INFORMATION:**

Andy passed around a sheet for committee members to update their contact information for the Ambassador database.

ACTION: Andy will continue to keep this updated as needed. Andy will update the sheet and email it to Kerry. Kerry will make sure each Ambassador has the new copy.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Greetings: Stacy Grosse gave a brief update on greetings. Stacy will continue to ask for volunteers for upcoming greetings.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

Ribbon Cuttings: Andy informed the committee that on April 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 the Boundary Waters Blues Festival Inc. is coming to present to the Young Professionals Group. They would like to have their ribbon cutting that day as well. Andy, Kerry and Shane will work together on this and get it taken care of.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

Breakfast Connections: Diane Skelly updated the committee on the Feb. 24th breakfast Connection at Clementine's that was hosted by Thrivent Financial Ben Weerts. Access To Employment/Homes Inc. is hosting the March breakfast connection on March 24<sup>th</sup> at their office at 204 NW 1st Ave #7 in the Old Mill place. After a brief discussion the committee decided that they would like Kerry to email out the upcoming Breakfast Connections and Luncheons so the committee members can put those dates on their calendars for the year. Diane Skelly asked the committee members if they remembered to call their list of chamber members to invite them to the Breakfast Connections and Chamber Luncheons. Diane encouraged the members to do so if they haven't yet. The committee members asked Kerry if she could email a Breakfast Connection reminder on the Monday before the Breakfast Connection. Kerry will make sure that she emails it out the Monday before each Breakfast Connection. The committee is hoping this will increase attendance. The committee discussed briefly about a name change. Different ideas were discussed thinking this would help members to understand what a Breakfast Connection is and what its main purpose is. The committee will continue to discuss how they can possibly increase attendance and possibly make changes for 2011.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Kerry informed the committee that the Jacobson Community Center has joined the chamber. Kerry will continue to inform committee members of new members. Diane mentioned that starting with the April 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 Ambassadors meeting an ambassador's name will be drawn and that person may "showcase" themselves to the other committee members.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

**BUSINESS CARDS:**

Bud encouraged each member to take some of the business cards that are being used to get people to see that chamber members are doing business with chamber members. These can also be used at a non-member business. The idea behind leaving it at a non-member business is they might take an interest in becoming a member of the Chamber.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

**NAME TAGS:**

Kerry asked the committee members, which ones need name tags. Kerry will order these as soon as possible.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.