

Ambassador Committee Meeting
November 14th 2007
Reif Center Lobby

PRESENT: June Johnson, Kathy Pliska, Diane Skelly, Atesha Wourms, Scott Sarkela, Shannon Rajala, Zack Griemann, Jane O'Leary, Peg Schagh, Clair Madison, Andy Mundt, Bobbie McInerney, Josh Hafar, Paul Bignall

CHAMBER STAFF: Kerry Larsen

CALL TO ORDER: Jane O'Leary called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES:

Peg Schagh motioned to approve the minutes from October 2007; Shannon Rajala seconded; motion carried.

ACTION: No further action is needed at this time.

NEW CHAIR & CO-CHAIR FOR 2008:

The new chair for 2008 will be Diane Skelly and Co-Chair will be Clair Madison.

ACTION: Diane and Clair will take over as chair and co-chair of the Ambassadors Jan. 1st 2008.

TASK FORCE LEADER UPDATES:

Greetings:

Clair Madison gave an update on greetings. These consisted of the Chamber breakfast Connection on November 28th 2007 hosted by AGLOW at the Reif Center Lobby. Upcoming greetings will be the Special Luncheon on November 19th at the Sawmill Inn with Zygi Wilf owner of the Minnesota Vikings and the luncheon on December 3rd hosted by Carlson Wagonlit at the Sawmill Inn. No Breakfast Connection for the month of December.

ACTION: Clair will not be sub-committee chair for greetings as of Jan. 1st 2008. Jane O'Leary will be taking over.

Ribbon Cuttings:

In the absence of Chair Michelle Rossi, Ambassador Co-Chair Diane Skelly updated the committee members on ribbon cuttings that were completed and upcoming. These consisted of Northwood's Meats, Gliks, Lillian's, Dr. Kampi, Dr. Perrots/Eye Care Clinic, Beth Bily Creative Writing Services, Cell Phone Stuff and Grace House.

ACTION: Michelle will not be sub-committee chair for ribbon cuttings as of Jan. 1st 2008. Shannon Rajala will be taking over.

Membership:

June updated the committee on new Ambassadors and committee members that have decided to not be an Ambassador for 2008. She will contact those who have retired and ask them to return their sashes to the Chamber of Commerce.

ACTION: June will not be sub-committee chair for membership as of Jan. 1st 2008. John Johnson will be taking over.

Breakfast Connection:

Diane gave an update on Breakfast Connections. October was hosted by Annabelle's Antique Mall and Coffee Shop and November will be hosted by Aglow. Diane reminded the committee members no breakfast connection will be hosted for the month of December due to the Holiday party.

ACTION: Lisa Randall will no longer be the sub-committee chair for Breakfast Connections as of Jan. 1st 2008. LA Gomez will be taking over.

New Members:

Kerry updated the committee members on new chamber members. Kerry will continue to let the Ambassadors know who the new members are at the subsequent meetings.

ACTION: No further action is needed at this time.

Holiday Party:

The committee discussed the Holiday party in December. This will be a holiday celebration for the committee members and a new recruitment gathering hoping to recruit new ambassadors for the future. Diane and Jane wanted the committee members to feel welcome even if they do not RSVP. All members and their guests are welcome. Diane and Jane informed the committee that Karaoke had to be cancelled. A sign up sheet was passed around for the members to write down what they were bringing to the gathering.

ACTION: No further action is needed at this time.

AMBASSADOR COMMITMENT AGREEMENT: Kerry reminded the members to read and sign the Ambassador Commitment agreement. Once the members have read and signed this agreement, Kerry would like these turned in by either dropping it off at the Chamber or by fax.

ACTION: No further action is needed at this time.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Jan. 9th 8:00 a.m. – Location to be announced. New sub-committee chairs should be ready to report as well as the new chair and co-chair.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Kerry Larsen, Membership and Tourism Coordinator, Chamber of Commerce