

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce November 30, 2009

Present: Margie Ritter, June Johnson, Gary McInerney, Chad Simons, Dave Leveille, Amy Trast, Cheryl Lemler, Greg Chandler, Jane Bymark, David Marty, Peggy Schagh, Megan Christianson, Kim Jamtgaard, Lisa Randall, Jake Goering, Sherry Frick

Incoming board members: Stephanie Davis, Diane Skelly, Leigh Lonson

Absent: Brandon Sharp, Sholom Blake, Mike Iaizzo

Chamber staff: Bud Stone, Renee Thompson

Guests: Marla Beaty

Margie called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, Margie then asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Peggy Schagh made a motion to approve the agenda. Kim Jamtgaard seconded the motion. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Margie asked for a motion to approve the October 26, 2009 meeting minutes.

Sherry Frick asked for a clarification regarding whether or not the 2010 budget was approved or just the suggested changes to balance the budget.

Board discussion took place regarding the 2010 budget. Sherry and Megan have some concerns about the funding for the scholarship(s) the Chamber give out.

David Marty suggested that in the future the budget that Bud prepares be distributed and discussed at the October meeting and then approved at the November meeting. This would allow time for the board to analyze the budget and get all their concerns addressed and discussed.

Bud reminded the board that the budget is merely a "guide".

After clarifying that the budget was approved at the October 26, 2009 board meeting, June Johnson made a motion to approve the October 26, 2009 meeting minutes with stated clarification made to the minutes. Gary McInerney seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

ACTION: Renee will clarify the October 26, 2009 meeting minutes to better state that the 2010 budget was approved.

FINANCIALS

Bud reviewed the October 2009 financials with the board members.

Dave Leveille made a motion to accept the October financials. Jane Bymark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

GOLD STAR MEMBER

Bud talked about recognizing those members who contribute a significant amount to the Chamber as "Star Members".

Recognition would be in the Chamber Newsletter, at the monthly luncheons, annual dinner ect....

The board realized the importance of recognizing the significant contributors and liked the idea of "Star Members"

Sherry suggested that Bud put together a formal guide for the board to review at the December meeting that would outline the different levels.

ACTION: Bud will provide an outline at the December board meeting.

BIG BROTHER

Kerry went through the big brother assignments.

ACTION: Kerry will continue to set up these assignments as new members join.

UPDATES

Bud gave the board an update regarding Workforce Development. The Regional Innovations Grant implementation plan will include the Chamber's CEO's in the schools and future workers programs.

The Chamber's Workforce Development Committee is submitting another grant.

Bud also gave the board a Walleye Classic Update. Paul Bunyan is currently working on a commercial for the Walleye Classic.

Derek gave the board an update as to where the Area Business Committee stands with the changes the board recommend for them to instate for 2010. As a result of those recommendations, the Area Business Committee has recruited a few new members with some marketing background.

David Marty asked where the website update stands. Bud replied that he will be forming a small committee to for on updating the website in 2010.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

NEXT MEETING:

The next board meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, December 28, 2009 at Timberlake Lodge.

Greg Chandler made a motion to adjourn. Gary McInerney seconded the motion; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.