

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce February 22, 2010

Present: Greg Chandler, Jake Goering, Amy Trast, Jane Bymark, Cheryl Lemler, Gary McInerney, Margie Ritter, David Marty, Derek Rolle, Diane Skelly, Leigh Lonson, Kristina Clark, Roger Mischke, Kim Jamtgaard, Dave Leveille

Absent: Lisa Randall, Stephanie Davis, Chad Simons, Megan Christianson

Chamber staff: Bud Stone, Renee Thompson

Guests: Marla Beaty

Jake called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Kristina asked to add a "YP" announcement to the agenda.

Gary made a motion to approve the agenda with Kristina's added agenda item. Greg Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Jake asked for a motion to approve the January 25, 2010 meeting minutes.

Kristina indicated that she was not at the January board meeting and needs to be listed as absent.

Margie made a motion to approve the January 25, 2010 board meeting minutes with Kristina's correction. Amy Trast seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

FINANCIALS

Bud reviewed the January 2010 financials with the board members.

Kristina made a motion to accept the January financials. Dave LeVeille seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

NUCLEAR ENERGY BAN DISCUSSION

Bud sent the board information regarding the Nuclear Energy Ban by email prior to the board meeting. The effort here by the Minnesota Chamber is to pass legislation that would remove the Minnesota State ban that prohibits discussion regarding Nuclear Energy issues.

Bud asked the board if they felt this was a topic to poll the Chamber Membership on.

Greg made a motion to poll the Chamber Membership. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ACTION: Bud will prepare a short survey to poll the Chamber Membership.

LOCAL RADIO FREEDOM ACT

This item was brought to the board as a recommendation from the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee.

After brief board discussion, Jane Bymark made a motion to support the resolution presented that supports the Local Radio Freedom Act. Kim Jamtgaard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION: Bud will finalize the resolution.

RECIPROCAL CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

Bud was asked by another Chamber if we were interested in doing a reciprocal membership.

The board discussed the idea, but was not sure if it was a good idea and they were interested in knowing what other Chamber's thoughts were.

ACTION: Bud will check with other Chamber's and give a report at the March board meeting.

GOLD STAR MEMBER COMMITTEE

Bud asked for volunteers from the board to be on a committee to finalize the Gold Star Member package.

Gary McInerney, Jake Goering, Leigh Lonson, Kristina Clark and Jane Bymark all volunteered to be on the committee to finalize the Chamber's Gold Star package.

ACTION: Renee will send a meeting notice out to the committee.

AREA BUSINESS COMMITTEE BUSINESS CARDS

Derek explained the Area Business Committee business card initiative. The goal is to let businesses know that Chamber members ARE doing business with them.

The board members were each given some business cards to utilize.

ACTION: Leave a business card at every business you do business at.

BIG BROTHER

Kerry went through the big brother assignments.

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

YP ANNOUNCEMENT

Kristina invited the board to attend the next Young Professionals event. The event is being held on Friday, March 5, 2010 at the Itasca Curling Club.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

NEXT MEETING:

The next board meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2010 at the Forest Lake Restaurant. .

Gary McInerney made a motion to adjourn. Amy Trast seconded the motion; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.