

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce April 26, 2010

Present: Greg Chandler, Diane Skelly, Lisa Randall, Jake Goering, Cheryl Lemler, Leigh Lonson, Amy Trast, David Marty, Derek Rolle, Jane Bymark, Kristina Clark, Dave LeVeille, Megan Christianson, Gary McInerney, Roger Mischke

Absent: Margie Ritter, Roger Hoyum, Kim Jamtgaard, Chad Simons, Stephanie Davis

Chamber staff: Bud Stone, Renee Thompson, Kerry Larsen

Guests:

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

Hearing none, Jake asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Dave LeVeille made a motion to approve the agenda. Amy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Jake asked for a motion to approve the March 29, 2010 meeting minutes.

Greg made a motion to approve the March 29, 2010 board meeting minutes. Jane seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

FINANCIALS

Bud reviewed the March 2010 financials with the board members.

Amy made a motion to accept the March financials. David Marty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

DUES RECEIVEDABLE

Bud went through the list of members with outstanding dues with the board and asked the board to pick members to contact regarding getting their dues paid.

ACTION: This item will be reviewed at the May 24, 2010 board meeting.

DEPOT RAFFLE TICKETS

Bud explained the Depot Commons raffle to the board and gave every board member a book of tickets to sell.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

QWEST LETTER OF SUPPORT

Bud informed the board that Qwest has asked the Chamber for a resolution of support for a broadband grant they are applying for.

The Government Affairs committee participated in a conference call with Karen Jothen from Qwest on April 23, 2010.

As a result, a motion was made by the Government Affairs Committee to send a recommendation forward to the Chamber Board of Directors to pass a resolution supporting grant funding from the Federal Government that is designated for making high speed, broad band internet service available in rural, un-served and underserved, areas of Minnesota. A copy of this resolution was distributed to the Board.

After brief discussion, Dave Leveille made a motion to accept the resolution of support as written. Greg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION: Bud will forward the resolution of support to the appropriate people.

UPDATES

Bud gave the following updates:

- **Dues Committee** – The Dues Committee met and as a result, Chamber Staff has been compiling member information and has created a spreadsheet to prep for their next step in analyzing the dues.
- **Workforce Development** – Paula and Bud presented the CEO's in the Schools program to the Economic Development, Members of the Workforce Investment Board and educators from the 10 northern counties in Northern Wisconsin. They are thinking of implementing the program as part of the Regional Investment Grant.
- **Bemidji Home Show** – Kerry, Renee and Bud participated in the Bemidji Jaycees Home Show. They distributed the Member Directories and promoted the Walleye Classic.
- **Nashwauk Chamber** – Bud and Kerry presented "The Chamber does What?" to the Nashwauk Chamber. Some of the members of the Nashwauk Chamber would like to move more toward a "policy" Chamber.
- **Fishing BBQ** – Bud reminded the board that the Area Business Committee's Annual Fishing BBQ will be from 4 – 7 p.m. on Friday, May 14, 2010 at the Central School Grounds.
- **Breakfast Connection** – The next Breakfast Connection will be this Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. and is being hosted by Jane O'Leary. Jane is holding the breakfast connection at River Grand.
- **Chamber luncheon** – The May Chamber luncheon will be on Monday, May 3, 2010 at the Sawmill. The presentation will be on Conservation Easements.
- **Future Workers** – Future workers will be on May 6, 2010.
- **Regional Chamber After Five** – The regional Chamber After Five will be on May 6, 2010. Let Bud know if you would like to ride the bus.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

BIG BROTHER

Kerry went through the big brother assignments.

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

NEXT MEETING:

The next board meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 24, 2010 (1 week early due to Memorial Day) at the Forest Lake Restaurant. .

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

Meeting adjourned.