

MINUTES

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
January 8, 2008 – Depot Conference Room

Present: Bonnie Henriksen, Karen Lindgren, Judy Nesvold, David Marty, Amy Trast, Cory Griemann, Mary Richie, Melissa Swenson

Chamber Staff: Renee Thompson, Bud Stone

Guests: Maryann Butts, Chad Christofferson

David Marty called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the December 11, 2007 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bonnie Henriksen made a motion to approve the December 11, 2007 minutes. Judy Nesvold seconded the motion; motion carries.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

FUTURE LUNCHEONS

January: Wells Fargo economist

February: Dave Epperly, Forestry

March: PACER

Sponsor: Wells Fargo

Sponsor: Filthy Clean

Sponsor: Montavon Motors

The committee listened to a presentation from the Wellness Court regarding integrating rehabilitated individuals back into the workforce. The Wellness Court is interested in being a luncheon presenter.

Wellness Court is a volunteer program where individuals work with a counselor to complete a rehabilitation program. The Wellness Court counselor continues to work with the individual while employed to ensure success. If the individual completes the program their felony will go off their record.

The committee members who attended the January luncheon felt it was an outstanding presentation.

The committee discussed future luncheon topics. The Branding Committee will not be ready to present in April.

Due to lack of time, the committee tabled making any decisions on April and May luncheon presentations.

ACTION: The committee will discuss future luncheon speakers at the next meeting.

ANNUAL DINNER

Everything is set for the Annual Dinner.

ACTION: No future action necessary.

CHAMBER AFTER FIVE VS. CHAMBER AT NOON

Because the Chamber after Five attendance has dropped, it was suggested that the Chamber After Fives be switched to an afternoon networking opportunity instead.

Due to lack of time, the committee tabled discussing this possible change until the next meeting.

ACTION: The committee will discuss this at the next meeting.

Amy Trast made a motion to adjourn. David Marty seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Next meeting date is February 12, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Depot meeting room.

Submitted by: Renee Thompson, Administrative Assistant and Finance Coordinator