

MINUTES

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
October 1, 2009 – Depot meeting room

Present: David Marty, Melissa Swenson, Amy Trast, Megan Christianson, Lauri Gomez, Amy Trast

Chamber Staff: Renee Thompson

Amy Trast called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the September 3, 2009 meeting minutes.

Melissa Swenson made a motion to approve the September 3, 2009 meeting minutes. Lauri Gomez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

LUNCHEON DISCUSSION/ FUTURE LUNCHEONS

October: WFD Committee – Job Skills

November: Bill Glahn

December: Jim Zietek

January: Wells Fargo

February: John Bennet-U of M

Sponsor: Vision Pro Optical

Sponsor: Grand Itasca

Sponsor: Second Harvest

Sponsor: Wells Fargo

The committee discussed possible future luncheon topics and presenters.

Lauri Gomez informed the committee that she spoke with her contact with the Secret Service and they are willing to present at a luncheon. The next step will be to set up a conference call with the Secret Service.

ACTION: Lauri will find out if the Secret Service is available for a conference call at the November meeting.

The committee discussed the information Bud emailed from Matt Kramer regarding Matt presenting at Chamber luncheon.

ACTION: The committee decided to set up a conference call with Matt at their November meeting.

GOLF OUTING

Amy asked the committee members if they completed their thank-yous from the golf outing. Those members present completed their thank-yous.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

2010 GOALS, MISSION AND CHAIR

The committee reviewed the 2009 Goals and Mission and decided no changes were needed for 2010.

David asked, "If the Program Committee has a goal to promoting networking, why is the Breakfast Connection part of the Ambassador Committee?"

Renee explained to the committee that a few years back two Ambassadors came up with the idea and organized setting up the Breakfast Connection, so that is why it is part of the Ambassador Committee.

David suggested that since networking opportunities are a part of the Program Committee's Goals, maybe there is a way for the Program Committee to work with Ambassador Committee regarding Breakfast Connections.

ACTION: Amy volunteered to contact Kerry at the Chamber to find out if the Ambassadors are interested in working with the Program Committee regarding Breakfast Connections.

ANNUAL DINNER

The committee finished their discussion regarding the idea of having a dessert auction at the Annual Dinner.

After lengthy committee discussion, the committee decided that the Annual Dinner is a celebration for the volunteers and not a fundraiser, which the dessert auction would be.

Additionally, since the RFP has already been sent to include dessert, it would not be possible to do the dessert auction this year.

It was suggested that the Golf Outing might be a better place to have a dessert auction.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

REVIEW OF GOLF RFP

The committee reviewed the Golf RFP and felt no changes were necessary for 2010.

ACTION: Renee will send an RFP request out to all the golf courses that are members.

David made a motion to adjourn. Lauri seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting date will be November 4, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Depot Commons meeting room.

Submitted by: Renee Thompson, Administrative Assistant and Finance Coordinator.