

MINUTES

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
March 10, 2009 – Depot Conference Room

Present: David Marty, Linda Gibeau, Melissa Swenson, Judy Nesvold

Chamber Staff: Renee Thompson, Bud Stone

David Marty called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the January 13, 2009 meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Melissa Swenson made a motion to approve the January 13, 2009 meeting minutes. Judy Nesvold seconded the motion; motion carries.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

LUNCHEON DISCUSSION/ FUTURE LUNCHEONS

April:	City of Grand Rapids Administrator- Shawn G.	Sponsor:	White Oak Casino
May:	ESSAR Steel MN	Sponsor:	Chisholm/Hibbing Airport
June:	Lake Country Power - Rick Lemonds	Sponsor:	Diamond Willow
August:	Better Business Bureau	Sponsor:	United Way
September:	MN Health Act	Sponsor:	Reif Center
October:	WFD Committee – Job Skills	Sponsor:	
November:		Sponsor:	Grand Itasca
December:		Sponsor:	

Bud informed the committee that Shawn Gillen will be discussing the Search Conference, Local Option Sales Tax and LGA.

Bud also informed with the committee that the Chamber's Workforce Development Committee is in the process of doing a 5-year benchmark survey and he would like to have the results presented at a chamber luncheon.

The committee decided that October would be a good time for the WFD Committee to present at a luncheon.

Bud then informed the committee that Senator John Marty is working on comprehensive single payer healthcare plan, (Minnesota Health Act), and would like to present to the membership.

After committee discussion, it was decided to put Senator John Marty in as the September presenter.

The committee also discussed having the Blandin Foundation present at a luncheon.

ACTION: Linda volunteered to talk to Jim Hoolihan regarding doing a presentation at a luncheon.

ANNUAL DINNER RECAP

Bud informed the committee that the Annual Dinner produced a small profit for the Chamber.

The committee discussed that the “set date” for the Annual Dinner will always be the third Saturday of January.

ACTION: Renee will send out the RPF's for next years Annual Dinner.

GOLF OUTING CONTRACT

The committee reviewed the golf outing contract from Wendigo.

ACTION: Bud will sign the contract and get it back to Wendigo.

OTHER

David Marty informed the committee that he is planning a community welcome for ESSAR Steel in October of 2010.

The committee discussed changing the day and time of the meeting to accommodate committee members who have conflicts with other work related activities.

ACTION: Renee will survey committee members for the best day and time to meet and relay the needed changes to the committee.

Melissa Swenson made motion to adjourn. Linda Gibeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting date is April 14, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Depot meeting room.

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