

Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce Future Minded Historically Proud

Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2020 (approved 2.12.20)

Directors present: Christine Otzelberger, Melanie Pederson, Lori Meinking, Jackie Stedman, Sue Kundy, Rhea Hogden, Brenda Sannes, Tammy Paulus, and Jean Wallner.

Directors absent: Garet Koxlien, Aaron Engel, Diane Thatcher, Josh Chapman and Danielle Todd.

Chamber members present: Sharon Spahr (The Craft Barn), Sarah Livermore (Immediate Past President)

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order at 7:37am by current President Chris Otzelberger.

Nominations were requested for Chamber President.

Christine Otzelberger was nominated for the position by Tammy P. (seconded by Jean W).

Nominations for the remaining officers were received:

Tammy P. nominated Melanie Pederson to serve as Vice President (seconded by Lori M.)

Tammy P. nominated Jackie Stedman to serve as Secretary (seconded by Lori M.)

Melanie P. nominated Lori Meinking to continue as Treasurer (seconded by Tammy P.).

Nominations were closed and 2020 Executive Board was confirmed as follows:

President – Christine Otzelberger, Vice President – Melanie Pederson, Secretary – Jackie Stedman, and Treasurer – Lori Meinking. Sarah Livermore remains Immediate Past President.

Secretary's Report:

Melanie P. made a motion to accept the December minutes pending correction which was seconded by Jean W. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

The report for December were distributed via email prior to the meeting by Lori Meinking. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Melanie P. and seconded by Jean W. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

The following bills were presented:

- \$38.63 US Cellular for the chamber telephone
- \$79.00 to Market America for website
- \$55.00 for USPS for 100 stamps for bills
- \$1,500.00 to Hotel R&D, LLC for hotel market study
- \$50.00 to WI DOT for Annual Permit Fee for sign in Town of Holland (Waldenberger sign)
- \$18.98 to WL Trust for storage bin for Apple Affair banners
- \$80.00 to Sharon Spahr for answering the Chamber phone for Nov & Dec

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Tammy P. made a motion to approve these invoices for payment. The motion was seconded by Rhea H. and was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Organization & Membership:

No written report. Sue K. presented the board with the updated Membership Application/Renewal Form and flyer to accompany the applications in the mailing. The board decided to add Santa on the Square to the list of events on the flyer. The date agreed upon is the Saturday before Christmas. Sue K. made a motion to purchase a roll of stamps for the membership application mailing. The motion was seconded by Jean W. and passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Promotion & Tourism:

No written report. Sarah L. reported the Chamber website had 4,858 website hits in December.

Agri-Business:

No written report. Melanie P. reported that the annual Farmers Market vendor meeting will be held in April, more details to come. The Farmers Market will run from June 6th through September 26th.

Economic Revitalization & Development:

A written report from the January 2nd meeting was handed out by Sharon S. The committee met with Kristine Vehrenkamp who is requesting \$5,160 from the GIDC revolving loan fund for her Revved Nutrition business which is scheduled to open March 1st at 19873 West Gale Avenue. The recommendation coming out of the committee is to offer Kristine Vehrenkamp a 1-year loan of \$4,000 with a staggered 12 month repayment plan. Jean W. made a motion to offer the loan as recommended by the committee to Kristine Vehrenkamp. The motion was seconded by Lori M. and passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The updated Hotel Feasibility study has been received and will be made available in the near future.

Historic Preservation, Beautification & Design:

No written report. Chris O. is still working with Elmer Petersen to look at alternative ways to preserve the D.O. Van Slyke statue until funds can be secured for a final casting.

A motion was made by Tammy P. and seconded by Jean W. to accept all Committee reports. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

Santa event update was discussed under Committee Reports.

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New Business:

There is still one Board vacancy. President Chris O. appointed Jon Rastall to fill this term expiring December 2022. Jon R. was unanimously approved.

Jean W. gave a brief City Council update on the walking trail, Swinging Bridge and High Cliff Park projects. The Chamber board is in full support of these restoration projects. We will keep this on the agenda and discuss updates at our monthly meetings.

Correspondence:

Requests for sponsorship to The Garden of Eden Preservation Society and donation to Girl Scout Troop #4255 for the Bronze Award project were tabled until February.

Upcoming Events

January 9 7pm - Galesville City Council Meeting
January 22 5-7pm - Business After 5 hosted by The Barn Wood Company
January 26 3pm - Jim Riley's 80th Birthday at Old Main with classical piano concert/fundraiser
February 1 7:30pm - Doug and Ella Rose Mahlum at Old Main
February 7&8 5:30pm - Sweetheart Dinners at the Arnold House
February 13 7:30pm - Valentine Vocals at Old Main

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Lori M. to adjourn seconded by Tammy P. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50am. Our next meeting will be held on February 12th, 2019 at 7:30am in the Library Community Room

Submitted by,
Jackie Stedman, Secretary