

Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce
Future Minded Historically Proud

Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2020 (approved 3.11.20)

Directors present: Christine Otzelberger, Melanie Pederson, Lori Meinking, Sue Kundy, Rhea Hogden, Tammy Paulus, John Rastall, Diane Thatcher, Josh Chapman, and Jean Wallner.

Directors absent: Aaron Engel, Jackie Stedman, Brenda Sannes and Danielle Todd.

Chamber members present: Sarah Livermore (Immediate Past President), Perian Heffner (Coverra Insurance).

Guests: Summer Pozanc, Ella Pozanc, Brad Hilton, Kayla Ryan, and Scarlet Ryan representing the G-E-T Girl Scout Troop #4255.

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order at 7:35am by President Chris Otzelberger.

Secretary's Report:

Lori M. made a motion to accept the January minutes, seconded by Rhea H. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

The report for January was distributed via email prior to the meeting by Lori Meinking. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Rhea H. and seconded by Jean W. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

The following bills were presented:

- \$38.21 US Cellular for the chamber telephone
- \$79.00 to Market America for website
- \$59.88 to WL Trust for membership mailings: address labels, ink, and stamps.
- \$200.00 to Girl Scout Troup #4255 for Bronze Award Proposal to beautify Fairgrounds

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

Committee Reports:

Organization & Membership:

No written report, but Sue K. gave a verbal report. So far, 24 Non-Profit Organizations, 116 Business, and 4 Individuals have been contacted. The deadline for receiving updated information and dues is March 15th.

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Promotion & Tourism:

No written report. Sarah L. reported the Chamber website had 5,165 website hits in January.

The Apple Affair committee will be meeting with the Fair Board in March. Perian reported that all but one of the food vendors have confirmed they will be returning for 2020 Apple Affair. G.E.T. Girl Scouts plan to host the Third Annual Chili Cook-off. More than 20 craft vendors have already sent in their registrations.

Sue K. reported that Galesville Downtown Business Association will start their Downtown Walkabouts in May.

Agri-Business:

No written report. Sarah L. asked the committee to look into replacing the banner that was lost at Farmers Market during the July 2019 tornado. It was suggested that the new banner could possibly say Visitor Information. Melanie P. said she would like to gather more input about signage at the Farmers Market Vendors Meeting in the spring.

Economic Revitalization & Development:

Rhea H. is the now the chairperson for this committee.

Historic Preservation, Beautification & Design:

No written report. Founders Day will be June 20th and the committee will be meeting soon.

A motion was made by Melanie P. and seconded by Lori M. to accept all Committee reports. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

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

Regarding the donation letter from Garden of Eden Preservation Society, a motion was made by Rhea H. to not donate at this time which was seconded by Lori M. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

Garet Koxlien is resigning from the Board creating a vacancy for his term which ends December 2020.

Trempealeau County Fair Grounds Revitalization:

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5th Grade Junior Girl Scouts presented their Bronze Award proposal for revitalizing the Fairgrounds to make it a more welcoming place for local events, guests and butterflies. They need to secure \$1,600 to purchase supplies to repair the main gate and butterfly houses. A motion was made by Lori M. to donate \$200 to G-E-T Girl Scout Troop #4255 which was seconded by Tammy P. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Special Training:

Sarah L. lead a special training for Board Members on Robert's Rules of Order and a refresher course on Chamber By-laws. This annual training is stipulated in Article III, Section 5.

Correspondence:

None.

Upcoming Events

February 13th 7pm- Galesville City Council Meeting

February 26th -No Business After 5 due to Ash Wednesday

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Lori M. This was seconded by Tammy P. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48am. Our next meeting will be held on March 11, 2020 at 7:30 am in the Library Community Room.

Submitted by,
Jackie Stedman, Secretary