

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

08/18/16

Board Members present:

Elizabeth Gering, Vice President

Rita Mazur

Stephanie McClellan

Azael Meza

Michele Baer

Linda Wohlleber

Sarah Pischer, Chamber Director

Visitors: John Hanson, Rob Gehrt

Meeting was called to order at 8:06

Revision to the agenda was made to discuss all agenda items that will need to be voted on to be spoken about first. Motion was made by Linda to approve the August 18th agenda with revisions stated, seconded by Michele and passed to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Rita, seconded by Michele and passed to approve the July 21st Board minutes.

Board went into closed session at 8:08am until 8:16am.

Working Group Reports

1. Marketing-
 - 2017 Activities Guide Cover – Two options were given to the board to vote on. Motion by Linda, seconded by Stephanie to use the “pet friendly” cover with Elizabeth and Sunny on a paddleboard.
2. Finance/Fundraising/Personnel-
 - No Report – hope to start major fundraising in early 2017
3. Membership-
 - Approval of new members: Linda made a motion to accept all new members: Scholl Community Impact Group. Seconded by Stephanie and passed.
 - Discussion was had on members being able to vote if they are not able to attend the actual dinner. A motion was made by Michele Baer and seconded by Rita Mazur that when the slate of candidates is presented – we will tell the Chamber Membership that is they are unable to attend the annual meeting – they can cast their vote in writing, either by email or in person, by noon of the annual meeting date. – All in favor - Motion passed.
4. Packages
 - No Report. A meeting has been scheduled for September 8 – 9am at The Lodge
5. Events-
 - Bad Dash Mud Run: Everything is coming along nicely for the 2016 mud run. Volunteers needed. Sarah handed around a volunteer signup sheet.
 - Cran A Rama: Planning is underway. Sarah handed out the cranberry cooking contest details as well as a signup sheet for volunteering.

Economic Development Group Reports

- Education/Recreation-
 - Azael will be working on setting up meeting in the near future.
 - Economic impact study: no report
- Arts-
 - Vilas County Incubator Art Space is almost complete – Sarah will work with Barry to setup a Chamber After 5 in October to celebrate the new gallery space
- Technology/Business
 - John reported on the MW areas that will be getting high speed internet with a completion date of last this fall
- Labor/Housing- Elizabeth stated they are working on coordinating this with the MW comp plan

Financial Report

- Motion made by Linda and seconded by Rita to accept the 2016/2017 proposed budget. Motion passed.
- Hand Outs given of Manitowish Waters Chamber of Commerce profit and loss overview. Rita made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Azael and passed.

Directors Report

- Hand out was given on meetings attended, projects, inquiry amounts, facebook likes, and promotional partnership relations.
- Sarah is trying to get an idea of board members whose terms are up will be running again and other potential candidates for running.
- Chamber Annual Dinner
 - Sarah has sent out bids to all Chamber Member Restaurants. She will compile all bids and email to the board for a final vote

Other Business-

- Town Chair Update: Town report was given during previous agenda items.
- Chamber After 5:
 - MW Airport : August 23rd
 - MW Historical Society/Voss's Birchwood Lodge: September 14th

Next Board Meeting: September 15, 8 AM

Adjournment: 9:22