

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

03/30/17

Meeting was called to order at 8:35

Board Members present:

Elizabeth Gering, President
Linda Long Wohlleber, Vice President
Becca Bartling
Stephanie McClellan
Barry McLeane
Frances Whitfield

Sarah Pischer, Chamber Director

Town Representative: John Hanson

Visitors: Michele Baer

Motion was made by Stephanie to approve the March 30th agenda, seconded by Frances and passed to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Frances, seconded by Stephanie and passed to approve the February 16, 2017 Board minutes.

Board Vacancy – Azael Meza has resigned from the Chamber Board. There are two options at this point – leave the position vacant or go to the next vote getter from the Annual Board Elections, which would be Rob Gehrt. Discussion was had. A motion was made by Linda, seconded by Barry and passed to approve Rob Gehrt as a new Chamber Board member to replace Azael and fill the remainder of his term.

Treasurers Position. With the vacancy from Azael Meza that also leaves the Treasurers position open, Discussion was had. Frances Whitfield volunteered. Motion was made by Linda, seconded by Barry and passed to approve Frances Whitfield as the new Chamber Treasurer.

Working Group Reports

- Finance/Fundraising/Personnel- No Report
- Marketing
 - Sarah updated the group on her sport show attendance
- Membership-
 - Motion was made by Becca, seconded by Barry and passed to approve all new members.
- Events and Packages-
 - **Wooden Boat Show-** Discussion was had in regards to adding more art booths to the show – work will be done on this.

Economic Development Groups

- Labor/Housing- No Report - however a new leader will be needed in the future
- Technology/Business- John Hanson updated the group that the town has applied to be a “Pilot Town” for the new program of Creating Connected Aging Communities in Rural WI thru the UW Ext. He is still waiting to hear who has been chosen.
- Arts-Frances reported the Discovery Center will host a week long art camp for all ages August 15, 2017 – August 18, 2017.
- Education/Recreation- No Report

Financial Report

- Hand out given of Manitowish Waters Chamber of Commerce Profit and Loss Overview. Sarah highlighted areas of activity. The petty cash account has been closed and deposited into the checking account. Room tax for 4th quarter 2016 has been received. Overall 2016 was a great year coming in higher than 2015. Linda made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Becca and passed to approve.

Directors Report

Town Candidate Forum 2017- Discussion was had. Extra microphones for the candidates are needed. John stated the town will be ordering some soon. Also the board feels that a committee of 3 should take a look at the questions in advance.

Internship position: Sarah has offered the position to Claire Hoy – she has accepted and will begin on June 14.

Other Business-

- **Town Chair Update-**
 - The Town is working on the Mercer Bike Trail connection.
 - All permits from the State have been approved. Working on funding now. John also updated the board on the \$2 million bike trail maintenance endowment by the Uihleins.
 - There will be a workshop on April 25 to make a trails master plan for Manitowish Waters
- **Chamber After 5-** March 30 at Aberdeen.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 8:30 at The Town Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:41am