

NYA Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/05/08

Location: Midtown Family Restaurant

Members Present: John Fahey, Trudy Vogel, Dan Alsleben, Joe Pfeilsticker, Laurie Hilgers, Elroy Latzig, Jeff Hebeisen, and Julie Hauser

-Meeting called to order by Trudy at 07:30 AM

Old Business

-Elroy gave each board member a copy of the October financial report and reviewed them with the board. He stated the interest amount on the financial report listed in the newsletter may be off a few cents as he hadn't received the bank statement prior to submitting report for newsletter. Also, Elroy mentioned that received a check from Embarq for their 2009 membership and he was going to hold onto it until after 01/01/09.

-Trudy mentioned there will be an article in the November newsletter and NYA times notifying the public about the new design of the Chamber Bucks and encouraging anyone with the old design to exchange them with the new. The new chamber bucks will be available at each of the banks in addition to city hall. Also, there will continue to be no discount on the chamber bucks. The article also recognizes John P. Fahey as the chamber's Executive Director.

-Trudy stated she has compiled the data for our current membership, but needs help with the Excel format. John P. advised he would help Trudy with the list.

-The copy of the by-laws being presented to the general membership at the 11/12/08 meeting will have the shaded/striking showing the additions and deletions to by-laws. Also, attorney Al Albrecht will be available at the general meeting for any questions regarding the changes to the by-laws.

-Elroy has put a file cabinet in the basement of city hall for the chamber to store documents. The secretary and president need to scan documents onto a CD and go through the paperwork and determine what to keep.

New Business

-Our December general meeting will be held on 12/17/08 at the Pizza Ranch. This allows the general membership to review the proposed changes to the current by-laws and vote. Also, the board will be announcing the dates for 8 general meetings to be held in 2009.

-Jesse Molnau has done numerous changes to the website and needs a current list of membership to display on the chamber website. Dan will ask Jesse about speaking at annual meeting to discuss the options each member will have to display information on the chamber website. Also, Dan will discuss with Jesse the option of putting the chamber by-laws and meeting minutes on the website.

-John is getting quotes/prices together on the cost for the shop locally flyer to be disbursed to community encouraging them to visit local businesses over the holidays.

-John is putting together the 2009 Membership Form and brought up discussion on a possible discount for 2009 to all members. The board decided the 5%-10% possible discount was not necessary as the membership rates are already lower than many surrounding communities. Plus, it may cause problems to increase membership in 2010 after lowering in 2009.

-The board asked John P. Fahey to put together a proposal for the Executive Director position for 2009. Since John was just elected mayor of NYA, he was unsure if he would continue with the Executive Director position for 2009 at this point. The board would use John's recommendation for the position to look for another candidate if he choose to discontinue the position.

-Julie gave the board information regarding the Home & Business Showcase being held on 03/28/09 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in conjunction with the craft fair sponsored by the Post Prom committee. The craft fair is being held in the new gym and the chamber could use the old gym and possibly commons area to set-up 8x10 booths for display. The crafters are being charged \$45 per booth, but the chamber could charge any amount they wish. Costs to the chamber would be janitorial services and the booth dividers if needed. Also, each booth would be responsible for their own chairs and tables. Trudy volunteered to be on the committee, but is looking for help with the event.

-Dan volunteered to be on the annual meeting committee. The meeting will be held in January 2009.

-The meeting minutes from the prior board meeting were passed out to each board member. One change is required from prior meeting minutes..."a motion passed to allow Julie Wigfield to use the leftover funds from this year's queen program towards next year's program." This should not have been listed in the meeting minutes as an approved motion.

-The next general meeting will be held on 11/12/08 at the Hanging Kettle and Carver County Sheriff Bud Olson will be our guest speaker. He'll speak to the group at noon followed by the proposed by-law changes. Lunch will be served around 12:30.

-The next chamber board meeting will be held on 12/03/08 at Millstone Pantry beginning at 7:30.

-Meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM

Respectfully submitted by Dan Alsleben, Secretary