

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 7, 2019

12:00 PM



Board of Directors	Present	Reported Absence	Unreported Absence
Joshua Miron	X		
Kiersten Peck	X		
Kimberlee Bever		X	
Gretchen Blaufuss			X
Frank Christopherson		X	
Todd Cummings			X
Joseph Dvorak			X
Annette Freiheit	X		
Sara Helseth			X
Bonnie Menigo	X		
Butch Nicoll			X
Julie Samuelson		X	
Julie Stevens	X		

Chamber Members
Lezlie Sauter, City of Pine City
Guests:

AGENDA:

Miron called the meeting to order at 12:58 PM. Miron welcomed directors and guests to the February meeting for the Pine City Chamber. With only five board members present, a quorum is not available to allow for voting during today’s meeting. Per Chamber policy, an email vote will be initiated today for approval of the Treasurer’s Report. All other items requiring a vote will be moved forward to the March meeting.

President’s Report

Miron shared an update regarding the “Burger Battle” promotion organized by WCMP. There have been a lot of positive responses from listeners on this promotion. Miron also shared that he will be heading out for a two week vacation.

Membership Report

The annual renewal campaign is in progress. As of January 31st we have renewed 110/214 members.

Executive Director Report

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Expenses incurred by the general fund included postage for visitor packet requests, 2019 Director & Officer insurance policy, Art in the Park donation, mileage reimbursement, and February payroll. These general fund expenses total \$4,733.20. Ambassador scholarship expenses totaling \$1,250.00 were also included in the report. These expenses will be transferred from designated fund accounts. *An email was circulated to board members with a motion by Peck to approve the treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Christopherson. (Member responses received from: Miron, Peck, Christopherson, Nicoll, Blaufuss, Helseth, Stevens, Bever, Menigo, Freiheit, Dvorak, and Cummings) Motion carried.*

Business & Community Development

- » Schueller provided some information on the “Big Idea” meeting that was coordinated by the Greater Pine Area Endowment. Freiheit was able to share with those in attendance that the school is also exploring the Field House idea and they have been holding planning sessions and gathering input from those that would utilize such a space. In order to properly plan for a project of this size, there would be 2+ years before implementation.

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- » A new networking opportunity has been formed for the region through a partnership between GPS:45:93, East Central Regional Development Commission & East Central Energy. The Inventors & Entrepreneurs Club will begin meeting in March in Braham.
- » Sauter was able to share that the City Council recently reviewed a draft for an update to the sign ordinance. While the changes did not get approved at City Council, there was feedback that will be taken back to the Planning Commission for another review.
- » Sauter also shared that the City currently has 5 prospective projects under review for the building and zoning department. The most exciting prospect is a 100+ housing development for 55+ seniors. The site would be in close proximity to healthcare in Pine City and offer a variety of housing options.

Committee Reports

Networking

- » The next event will be held on Thursday, February 21st – a lunch networking with MN DEED to share information about Business Resource Programs.

Beer & Wine Tasting Event

- » Flyers were distributed to members to help with promotion of this event.
- » Friday, February 22nd at the Pine City Country Club
- » Advance tickets are \$20 per person

Chamber Member Updates

- » Menigo shared that the next Art Center Gallery opening is this Friday from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. All are invited to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30PM.