

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce October 29, 2007

Present: June Johnson, Karen Lindgren, Peggy Schagh, Amy Trast, Judy Nesvold, Margie Ritter, Michelle Rossi, Mike Iaizzo, Cindy Feyder, Sholom Blake, Shannon Benolken, Kent Koerbitz, Rick Utech, Linda Gibeau, Brandon Sharp

Absent: Mike Birkeland, Roger Hoyum, Jim Millis, Lilah Crowe, Sherry Frick

Incoming Board Members: Gary McInerney, Cheryl Lemler, Greg Chandler, Wayne Bruns, Jane Bymark

Guests: Marla Beaty, David Marty

Chamber staff: Bud Stone, Renee Thompson, Kerry Larsen, Carie Olds

Karen Lindgren, Chair, called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the September 17, 2007 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Peggy Schagh made a motion to approve the September 17, 2007 meeting minutes. Cindy Feyder seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

FINANCIALS

The board reviewed the September financials. Rick Utech made a motion to accept the financials. Peggy Schagh seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Bud reviewed the 2008 proposed budget and explained that there will be a ten-dollar per member increase for 2008 dues billed. Mike Iaizzo made a motion to accept the 2008 proposed budget. Sholom Blake seconded the motion; motion carries.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

BIG BROTHER NEW MEMBER PROGRAM

Updates were given from the board members who were able to make contacts with new members.

ACTION: Kerry Larsen will continue sending the board new members to contact.

DISTRICT 318 LEVY

Bud presented the District 318 Levy referendum resolution that Bud and Joe Silko drafted. Bud asked the board to review the resolution for any changes that might be needed. A motion was passed at the September 17, 2007 board meeting to support the District 318 referendum levy.

Sholom Blake made a motion to support the resolution as drafted. Margie Ritter seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ACTION: Bud will ask the Herald Review to publish the resolution in its next issue.

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT

Bud informed the board that the County did not pass adopting a blanket PLA. Instead the County will decide if a PLA is necessary on a case-by-case basis.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

OTHER

Bud asked the board if they felt it necessary to have a November board meeting. After discussion it was decided that there is not a current need to have a November board meeting.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

Bud informed the board that John Kelch approached him for support regarding permanently putting up signs for the Judy Garland museum and festival. John is also asking for a letter of support for a grant from IRR.

After board discussion, Sholom Blake made a motion to support the grant request. Cindy Feyder seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ACTION: Bud will write a letter of support for the Judy Garland grant request.

Bud informed the board that the Blandin Foundation will sponsor Bud attending the "Seeing the Forest and the Trees" conference up to \$3000.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

Bud informed the board that the Depot Commons board will be meeting to discuss the future of the Depot Commons.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

Mike laizzo asked the board to approve an increase to the ABC committee budget for the 2008 Crazy Days fest sponsored by Paul Bunyan Telephone.

Cindy Feyder made a motion to increase the ABC budget \$2000. Sholom Blake seconded the motion. Motion carries.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007 at the Forest History Center. Following the December board meeting will be the 2008 board planning session.

Cindy Feyder made a motion to adjourn. Sholom Blake seconded the motion; motion carries. Meeting adjourned.