

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Present:** June Johnson, Peggy Schagh, Judy Nesvold, Mike laizzo, Cindy Feyder, Rick Utech, Brandon Sharp, Sherry Frick, Sholom Blake, Gary McInerney, Jane Bymark, Cheryl Lemler, Chad Simons, Greg Chandler, Michelle Rossi

**Absent:** Wayne Bruns, Amy Trast, Karen Lindgren, Margie Ritter

**Chamber staff:** Bud Stone, Kerry Larsen

**Guest:** Marla Beaty

Bud Stone, President, called the meeting to order.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bud Stone asked for a motion to approve the December 17<sup>th</sup> 2007 minutes

Brandon Sharp made a motion to approve the December 17<sup>th</sup> 2007 minutes; Gary McInerney seconded; Motion carried.

Bud Stone asked for a motion to approve the December 17<sup>th</sup> Board Planning Session Minutes.

Peggy Schagh made a motion to approve the December 17<sup>th</sup> Board Planning Session Minutes; Judy Nesvold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** No further action necessary.

### **FINANCIALS**

The board reviewed the December 2007 financials.

Rick Utech made a motion to accept the financials. Mike laizzo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** No further action necessary.

### **BIG BROTHER UPDATE**

The board members updated the committee regarding phone calls made to their assigned members.

**ACTION:** Kerry will continue to set up these assignments as new members join.

### **RESIGNATION OF ROGER HOYUM**

Bud Stone informed the Board of Directors that Roger Hoyum would be resigning from the board due to personal circumstances. Bud read a letter he received from Roger to the board members. A nominating committee will need to be formed to find a replacement for resigning board member Hoyum. Sharp mentioned someone from the Young Professionals Group should be considered for this board position.

Bud will talk with Carie Olds regarding a member from the Young Professionals Group.

Sherry Frick appointed a nominating committee consistent with the Chamber By-Laws: Karen Lindgren, Cindy Feyder, Sherry Frick, Judy Nesvold and Gary McInerney.

**ACTION:** The Nominating committee will meet and select a new board member to present to the Board.

**DEPOT COMMONS & CHAMBER RELATIONSHIP:**

Bud had a brief conversation with the Board making sure the board members know the relationship between the Depot Commons and the Chamber of Commerce.

**ACTION:** No further action is needed.

**TWO RESOLUTIONS /HIGHWAY 169 RESOLUTIONS**

The board members received an e-mail copy of the Highway 169 resolution of support and the Gas Tax Increase Resolution of support awhile back. Hard copies for the two above stated resolutions were given to the board members to insert into the their board books.

**ACTION:** No further action is needed

**NEW ORLEANS CONFERENCE**

Bud updated the board members about his invitation to present at the American Association of Community Colleges Summit that was held in New Orleans on January 24, 25 and 26th. Bud was commissioned by the US Chamber of Commerce Institute for a Competitive Workforce for this event. His expenses were paid for by the US Chamber of Commerce. They were very pleased to have a representative from the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce to give them a rural perspective.

**ACTION:** No further action necessary.

**ANNUAL DINNER FEEDBACK:**

Bud asked the board members if they had any feedback from the Annual Dinner. All Board members who attended thought the entertainment was great and the food was really good. The service at Ruttgers was excellent as well.

**ACTION:** No further action is needed.

**UPCOMING LUNCHEON PRESENTATIONS:**

The board members were updated on upcoming speakers for luncheons. Sherry asked the board if anyone had suggestions.

Suggestions were: A speaker regarding tourism, a speaker updating the members on the legislative session when finished, the branding project, and changes that are taking place at ASV.

**ACTION:** Chad Simons will try and find a speaker that could possibly speak about Tourism. Bud Stone will follow up on the other suggestions given. Chad will call Bud when he has an idea of who this speaker could be.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 25, 2008 at the Forest Lake.

Rick Utech made a motion to adjourn. Mike laizzo seconded the motion; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.