

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

12:00 PM



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

Chamber Members
Toni Thulman, US Bank
Stacie Schaible, US Bank
Sonia Palmer, Family Pathways
Mark Olson, Coldwell Banker Pro IV Realty
Moneer Nyazi, Eide Auto Center
Guests:
Haven Spychalla, Pine City Ambassador
Keyara Berube, Pine City Ambassador

AGENDA:

Miron called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

President's Report

Miron welcomed directors and guests to the March meeting held at the Pine Innovation Center. Following introductions, Miron shared a quick update from WCMP. The station recently hosted a Burger Battle competition among 7 restaurants in their listening area. Over the course of the last several weeks WCMP has done a live broadcast at each location where Miron or news director, Joe Keyport, had the opportunity to try each competing burger. The voting to select the winner, however, was done by the public. A winner was crowned at the beginning of the month with the best burger trophy presented to Ryder's Saloon.

Guest Presentation

Pine City Ambassadors, Haven Spychalla and Keyara Berube, attended the Chamber meeting this month to provide a look back at their events from the last six months – including parades, coronations and community involvement time. Keyara extended a special thank you to the program for the opportunity to attend Winter Carnival at the end of January. Noting that there were a number of events that were cancelled due to the “polar vortex”, she still enjoyed the experience.

Spychalla & Berube also shared an update that the Informational Breakfast for the new candidates is coming up this week on March 7th. Applications will be available to junior girls starting on that date and due back by Friday, March 15th.

Membership Report

As of March 1st we have renewed 160 members. 4 businesses have notified us that they are not renewing this year. 1 business has relocated to North Branch. 1 business has closed operations.

Executive Director Report

A motion was made via email following the meeting on Tuesday, March 5th to authorize a change to our checking account and savings accounts held at both Spire Credit Union and Frandsen Bank & Trust and designate the following as authorized signers: Joshua Miron, Kiersten Peck, Frank Christopherson and Rebecca Schueller. Motion was made by Christopherson, seconded by Peck. Motion pass with twelve members responding.

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Expenses incurred by the general fund included postage for visitor packet requests, boxed lunch for the February N2L event, 3,000 copies printed of the newly updated Pine City Area Map, and March payroll. These general fund expenses total \$5,015.10. *A motion was made via email following the meeting on Tuesday, March 5th to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was made by Christopherson, seconded by Peck. Motion passed with twelve members responding.*

Business & Community Development

Frank Christopherson, committee member for Planning Commission & Pine City EDA, shared the following highlights:

- » At the February Planning Commission, there were a number of public hearings that were part of the agenda. Due to a noticing error, no action could be completed, but the meeting and discussions were still held with intent for action to occur in March.
- » A development company has proposed a senior housing development that would be located on 1st Street SE on property at the point where the Snake River and Cross Lake meet. The company is requesting a rezoning of the area in order to build. Community feedback at the public hearing was not favorable for the rezoning request.
- » Summit Development has proposed a senior housing project in the Northridge area. The location is north of FirstLight Health System, south of the Pine County Courthouse.
- » At the February EDA Meeting, there was discussion of creating a rehab loan program for businesses to update their façade to improve the look of the property. This program is coming as a direct result of the application being made by the city through the Small Cities grants.
- » A new networking opportunity for inventors, entrepreneurs and other interested in mentoring of entrepreneurs are invited to attend the first I&E Club meeting. The first event will be held on March 26th in Braham.

Committee Reports

Beer & Wine Tasting

- » Had 50% lower attendance over the 2018 event held in the same location.
- » While those in attendance, as well as new committee members, all seemed to enjoy the event and thought it went well – we did not meet our projected income on this event.

Networking

- » The team is looking for ideas from members for businesses that are celebrating some type of milestone in 2019.
- » Stevens shared that Stearns Bank will be celebrating 10 years in Pine City in June 2019.

Chamber Member Updates

- » Sonia Palmer with Family Pathways shared a copy of the “Save the Date” cards for the May 16th Barn Bash fundraising event for the organization.
- » Samuelson shared that the Community Easter Celebration event will be held on Saturday, April 13th this year. Same time as last year, although with as much snow as we've received this year.... they may need to look harder at an indoor facility.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM.