

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

12:00 PM



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

Chamber Members
Lezlie Sauter, City of Pine City
Eric Wicktor, Pine City Public Schools
Nicole Laven, Pine City Public Schools
Shawnda, Schelinder, Family Pathways
Stacie Schaible, US Bank
Guests:

**AGENDA:**

Miron called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. Miron welcomed directors and guests to the October meeting and then opened the floor to this month’s special presentation from Eric Wicktor, Pine City Public Schools.

**Guest Presentation: Eric Wicktor, Pine City Public Schools**

Wicktor shared some background information on the Career Summit that the school has been hosting for the last five years. The Career Summit brought various businesses into the schools to share their story and path to beginning a career in their chosen field. Students are able to ask questions and learn what steps they need to take. This event was started for the Freshman classes and later expanded to include the Junior class as well.

Wicktor and fellow teacher, Sara Roubinek, are now beginning work on a Job Shadowing Program for Junior and Senior students in Pine City. They are interested in piloting this program for visits to happen in December 2019 and again in the Spring 2020. The goal is to begin opening connections between school, students and the community.

Board member Julie Samuelson inquired about how this program differs from the existing WorkLink program at the high school. Wicktor explained that the job shadowing program is meant to provide an opportunity to experience a future career opportunity – a place that they aren’t able to work at as a high school student.

More information on the program as it develops will be shared with the Chamber Office and Schueller will distribute that information as needed to the board members and general membership where appropriate.

**President’s Report**

Miron shared that the Twins first playoff game is this Friday. As the station is legally obligated to air the Twins games on 100.9 any high school games this weekend will have to air on 106.5FM.

**Membership Report**

The Chamber has welcomed 3 new members in September:

- » Silver Creek Senior Communities/Timer Pines Senior Living

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- » America's Best Value Inn (Hinckley)
- » Changing Gaits

Schueller extended a thank you to board member, Kimberlee Bever on her work in bringing in 2 of these new memberships. Through her efforts we are now at 215 members – a new record for the Pine City Chamber.

## **Executive Director Report**

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Expenses incurred by the general fund included postage for visitor packet requests, a new office chair, mileage reimbursements, October payroll and 3rd quarter payroll taxes. These general fund expenses total \$4,257.80. Freedom Fest expenses totaling \$134.00 for an insurance audit was also paid out. These expenses will be transferred from each of these designated fund accounts. *A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Menigo, seconded by Bever. Motion carried.*

## **Business & Community Development**

Lezlie Sauter, Community Development Director, shared a few updates from the City of Pine City:

- » The extra wet weather has delayed the ground breaking for Summit Development's senior housing development.
- » The EDA and City Council will be reviewing a loan request package requested by Don Julio's.
- » The City will be applying for a clean-up grant for the former gun range property on Airport Rd.

## **Committee Reports**

### Networking

- » No event is being scheduled for October due to the Annual Banquet.
- » November event should be a lunch training event, we are still seeking a training topic and date options.
- » December event will be our Christmas Party Happy Hour event.

### Citizen of the Year

- » The reception for Lyndon Hagestuen is scheduled for this Sunday, October 6th from 3:00 – 4:30 PM at the Snake River Fur Post.

### Annual Banquet

- » The team has selected the theme "Time Machine...Back to the Future" for this year's banquet. Save the date for Tuesday, October 29th.
- » Registration for the event is open and available on our website as well as a link through our facebook page.
- » As part of the planning we have a Google Form on our website requesting businesses to complete a 3 question survey to develop a business timeline for display at the banquet.
- » Schueller provided a set of invitation cards and asked each board member to take 2 cards and personally invite 2 members to attend the banquet.

## **Chamber Member Updates**

- » Family Pathways is hosting Launch Parties throughout the region for sharing of their new strategic planning initiatives. The first event is coming up on Tuesday, October 8th from 5-6 PM at Three Twenty Brewing Co.
- » Samuelson shared information about changes for this year's Toys for Tots program and the application availability and deadline dates. (Toy Applications available Oct 15 - Dec 13, 2019)

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- » The Pine Center for the Arts has a new class schedule out for events happening in October & November. Special events include the next Gallery Opening on Friday, October 11th & Creative Canvas on the same night.
- » The MN Music Ambassadors student group traveling to Europe in the summer of 2020 will host a Bingo & Pie Raffle event on Friday, October 18th at 7:00 PM at the VFW Building.

*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:55PM was made by Samuelson, second by Peck. Motion carried.*