

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 4, 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
Stacie Schaible, US Bank
Guests:

AGENDA:

Miron called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

President’s Report

Miron welcomed directors and guests to the June meeting for the Pine City Chamber. Miron was excited to share that the station had a milestone event last week with the “all-time highest” record of advertising sales for the station. They are also in search of a new part-time sports announcer that would start in the fall.

Membership Report

The Chamber had a new business visit at the end of May with Pine City Auto Sales.

Executive Director Report

Schuller shared an update regarding the resignation of Annette Freiheit as superintendent for Pine City Schools. With her departure from the position effective June 30th, Annette has also submitted her resignation from the Chamber Board of Directors. We will be posting a vacancy notice to fill her position.

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Expenses incurred by the general fund included postage for visitor packet requests, office supplies and Chamber Chat advertising along with June payroll. These general fund expenses total \$2,445.90. Freedom Fest expenses totaling \$7,305.00, and Ambassador expenses totaling \$841.25 were also included in the report. These expenses will be transferred from each of these designated fund accounts. *A motion was made to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Motion was made by Helseth, seconded by Menigo. Motion carried.*

Board member Nicoll requested that an article be created to promote that the docks recently installed by the City of Pine City are accessible to the community to access ALL of the local businesses. Nicoll shared some concerns that the public needs to be aware that this was provided by the city.

Business & Community Development

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

- » The Summit Development final plan was approved for recommendation to City Council. This senior housing project is slated to being construction in July 2019.

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- » Hilltop Cottages final development plan was also approved for recommendation to City Council. This workforce housing project is slated to begin construction in September 2019.
- » The city recently hired a new administrative assistant, stop by and welcome Carole Lahti.
- » The EDA discussed an apartment proposal from Mark Haug Construction for a 4-plex style apartment building at the corner of 3rd Avenue SE and 2nd Street SE. The hope is that this housing project would begin filling the needs of student housing at Pine Technical & Community College.

Committee Reports

Networking

- » There will not be a Chamber coordinated networking event. We will promote the Stearns Bank 10 year anniversary open house event on June 27th from 11am – 2pm.
- » The team is still working on July & August options.

Golf Tournament

- » Butch Nicoll inquired about the amount of Chamber Bucks needing re-investment this year and asked for some of them to be earmarked for a game on the course this year. He felt that \$100 would be ideal.
- » Team registrations are low, but there are still a few people we are waiting to hear back from.

Freedom Fest

- » A few new events and activities will be offered this year, including: a bean bag tournament hosted by WCMP Radio, Bingo hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary, and the VFW Auxiliary plans to run two kids games as well.
- » Kim Bever reached out to the Prevention in Pine group to invite them to do ID checks for the beer gardens and plan to wristband all attendees.

Pine County Parade

- » We are actively looking for ideas on new performance groups to invite. So many of them are already booked for the date with conflicts that we are struggling to fill with entertainment.

Chamber Member Updates

- » Summer Food & Fun is back for another summer with activities on Mondays & Thursdays from Noon – 3:00 PM. The Dragon Food Shelf at the high school will also remain open during the summer months for kids to pick up items.
- » Hands for Pine City is hosting church in Robinson Park on Sunday evenings from 5-6 PM.
- » Kids Ride Free is once again being offered by Arrowhead Transit. Wristbands are available from the Chamber Office.
- » Kiersten Peck shared that the Kickstart Scholarship introduced this past year will be renewing for the graduating class of 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.