## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 3, 2019 12:00 PM



Board of Directors	Present	Reported Absence	Unreported Absence	Chamber Members
Joshua Miron	Х			Lezlie Sauter, City of Pine City
Kiersten Peck		Х		Stacy Schaible, US Bank
Kimberlee Bever	Х			Toni Thelman, US Bank
Gretchen Blaufuss	Х			
Frank Christopherson	Х			
Todd Cummings		Х		
Joseph Dvorak	Х			
Annette Freiheit	Х			Guests:
Sara Helseth	Х			
Bonnie Menigo	Х			
Butch Nicoll	Х			
Julie Samuelson	Х			
Julie Stevens	Х			

### AGENDA:

Miron called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. Miron welcomed directors and guests to his first meeting as President for the Pine City Chamber.

#### President's Report

Miron shared an update on a new promotion that WCMP will host this winter in partnership with local restuarants. The first "Burger Battle" event will be limited to the first 7 restaurants that sign-up to participate.

As the first meeting of the new year, Miron opened the floor for nominations for the 2019 Vice-President. Miron note that he spoke with Director Kiersten Peck regarding her interest in the position and she indicated that she would be interested in the job. *A motion to nominate Peck was made by Miron and seconded by Christopherson. Motion carried.* 

Members discussed the Mission & Vision goal setting workshop for 2019 (held every 3 years) and a date was selected for January 16th from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. The group will meet at the Pine City Pizza Pub for the session.

#### Membership Report

The annual renewal campaign is in progress. The Chamber ended the 2018 membership year with 214 members. Each member has received a renewal invoice as of today's meeting.

One new visit was completed last month for Sarandipity Salon, welcoming new owners Sara Mans & Glen Goebel.

#### **Executive Director Report**

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Expenses incurred by the general fund included postage for visitor packet requests, final Holiday Madness supplies, January payroll plus 4th Quarter payroll tax expenses. These general fund expenses total \$4,578.61. Ambassador scholarship expenses totaling \$1,000.00 were also included in the report. These expenses will be transferred from designated fund accounts. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Samuelson and seconded by Bever. Motion carried.

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## **Business & Community Development**

- » The Pine City EDA did not hold a meeting in the month of December.
- » The City of Pine City has created an ad hoc committee tasked with the revitalization of the former Mill Site property. At a recent meeting the committee met with the MN Housing Partnership. This group has shared information on resources available to assist the City in redevelopment of this area.
- » The Planning Commission met on December 18, 2018 and held 4 public hearings:
  - A hearing on a rezoning request in the central business district
  - A hearing for a rezoning request from an R2 to Multi-Family property which would bring an existing non-conforming property into compliance. This is needed in order for the property owners to make any improvements to the property. The request was tabled for future research.
  - A hearing for Accessory Structure Standards
  - A hearing for the Outdoor Sign Ordinance. The PC discussed language of the sign ordinance for off premise, and community organization signage as well as the permitting process.

## **Committee Reports**

Beer & Wine Tasting Event

- » Friday, February 22nd at the Pine City Country Club
- » Advance tickets are \$20 per person

## **Chamber Member Updates**

» Samuelson shared some stats on the success of the December Toys for Tots activities. Over 6,000 toys were collected this year. Through a partnership with Lakes & Pines CAC, the program was able to be expanded to a 7 county project. As a result there were 988 kids that received toys this year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30PM.