

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 6, 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		
Open Seat			
Sara Helseth		X	
Bonnie Menigo		X	
Butch Nicoll		X	
Julie Samuelson	X		
Julie Stevens		X	

Chamber Members
Kim Anderson, Grand Casino Hinckley
Heather Mortiboy, Grand Casino Hinckley
Shawnda Schelinder, Family Pathways
Carl Pederson, City of Pine City
Guests:

AGENDA:

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

President's Report

Miron welcomed directors and guests to the August meeting for the Pine City Chamber. Miron shared updates from WCMP Radio, including the plan to begin video streaming of the local game coverage this fall. They are also in search of a sports intern to assist them with video work and commercials. Miron also extended a thank you on behalf of the station staff to those that were able to attend the July Happy Hour event.

Two applications were received for board member candidates to fill the open seat, vacated by Freiheit on June 30th. Applications were shared with board members prior to the meeting: Heather Mortiboy, representing Grand Casino Hinckley and Jana Harshman, representing Homes Preferred Realty are interested in filling the vacancy. *A motion to nominate Heather Mortiboy to fill the vacancy was made by Christopherson, seconded by Bever. Motion carried.*

Membership Report

The Chamber has welcomed 4 new members so far this summer:

- » Braham Event Center/Tusen Tack
- » Pine City Animal Hospital
- » Pine City Evangelical Free Church
- » Shona Hughes, Coldwell Banker Burnet Real Estate Agent

Executive Director Report

Schueller provided an update on the Ambassador Program Float project that was shared at the July meeting. The new families have done an amazing job of creating a new and fresh look. The trailer was purchased for \$1,800 from Robert Thompson. Thompson also made a \$500 donation back to the program. Those funds were slated as the budget for the group to use in purchasing materials for the updates.

Schueller also reported that the old trailer is now ready to be sold. Research on the trailer indicated it was a homemade trailer and depending on tires, wiring for lights and the decking condition the likely value is \$500.

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A motion to approve the sale of the trailer through public listing with an asking price of \$500 was made by Cummings, and seconded by Samuelson. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Expenses incurred by the general fund included postage for visitor packet requests, second quarter copier usage, annual worker's comp policy, website hosting renewal, and August payroll. These general fund expenses total \$2,399.36. Freedom Fest expenses totaling \$1,248.83, Ambassador expenses totaling \$4,890.56, and Parade expenses totaling \$3,906.27 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 Bever, seconded by Cummings. Motion carried.*

Business & Community Development

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

- » At the July Planning Commission meeting, the Yanik-Foster PUD request was tabled until the Shoreland Ordinance could be reviewed.
- » A combined Planning Commission and City Council meeting was held to review a request from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. They have requested a change to the PUD and want to take down the existing parsonage to plan for future expansion of the church property. A new parsonage will be constructed on the NW corner of the block, to the north of the existing church parking lot.
- » ECE Operation Round-up held their quarterly meeting to review applications. An award for \$10,000 was given to Pine City Youth Hockey for the new concession/warming house/Zamboni storage project.
- » The City of Pine City has sent out an RFP (request for proposals) for interested developers for hotel development in Pine City.
- » Summit Development should have an announcement soon regarding the groundbreaking for their development, just north of the FLHS clinic on Hwy 61.

Committee Reports

Networking

- » WCMP brought in Mylie's Catering to do food for the Happy Hour in July. Our thanks to both of these businesses for providing an enjoyable evening.
- » The August Happy Hour is scheduled for this Thursday, August 8th at Northern Hollow Winery.

Pine County Parade RECAP

- » Final count for units in the parade was 93 groups
- » We had great weather for the day, for some it was almost too warm!
- » Feedback from community – they noticed we were missing a few of our “regular” groups, but still enjoyed the quality of the parade.
- » Signage purchases before next year: NO ENTRY sign to post at 8th Avenue & 5th Avenue to keep traffic from entering the traffic flow in the wrong direction. NO PARKING signs for a few spots at the public library as we had spectators parking in the traffic flow of the unit line-up.
- » Other purchases before next year: Parade volunteer shirts or vests; new parade stakes (replace 24 or so)

Citizen of the Year

- » Nominations for Citizen of the Year are open. Letters are due by Saturday, August 31st.

Annual Banquet

- » Committee members: Butch Nicoll, Sara Helseth, Julie Samuelson, Josh Miron & Kiersten Peck
- » First team meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th at 1:00 PM

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Chamber Member Updates

- » Shawnda Schelinder provided flyers on a few upcoming events being hosted by Family Pathways
 - Hunting Classic – upcoming sale for the Pine City Thrift Store location
 - Phil Chambers Training – happening at the Event Center in Braham
 - Young artists show – happening in North Branch
 - Back to School Fashion Show – Live event at the Pine City Thrift Store with the Pine City Ambassadors volunteering as models for the event. Watch at 2PM on August 19th on Facebook!

- » Kim Anderson, Grand Casino Hinckley, shared the menu with specials for various locations at GCH. Newly remodeled facilities including the Rival House featuring a bowling alley, ski-ball and shuffleboard. Anderson also shared a copy of the current entertainment schedule for GCH.

- » Kim Bever shared with the group that the next group of students participating in the MN Music Ambassadors Europe Trip (Summer 2020) are currently looking for various fundraising opportunities. If anyone has some leads for the group, please reach out to Kim.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.