

*Newberry
Jonesville*

Chamber of Commerce
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Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2011

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Raymond Francois
Rocky Voglio
Patricia Yates
Joy Glanzer
Ryan Beacher
Keri Moore
Blake Fletcher
Anne Bello
Patricia Perkins

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Robert Fillyaw (called)
Richard Blalock

GUEST:

Megan Eckdahl
Barbara Hendrix, NMS
Jeff Rizzo
Kim Stinton

Call to Order/Introductions: President Fletcher called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made (Francois/Glanzer) to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2011 board meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made (Bello/Glanzer) to approve the agenda. A copy is attached and will be made a part of the permanent records.

NEW BUSINESS:

TREASURER:

A motion was made (Glanzer/Francois) to approve the treasurer's report as presented. A copy is attached and will be made a part of the permanent records.

MAPS:

A motion was made (Glanzer/Francois) to instruct Robert Fillyaw to refund revenue collected for sale of advertisement in maps. There was an open discussion that due to paucity of sales it would not be feasible to print a new map at this time. Mrs. Glanzer will draft a letter to send with the refund.

SUPPORT OF INSPIRED ENERGY:

President Fletcher stated that he, Anne Bello and Richard Blalock had toured the Inspired Energy site per motion in last months meeting. It was also noted that Mr. Blalock had obtained the required support documents needed by Inspired Energy.

BOARD NOMINATIONS:

A motion was made (Francois/Moore) to accept the nominations to the Board of Directors proposed by the nominating committee as presented. A copy is nominating committee meeting notes and nominations are attached and will be made a part of the permanent records.

The following nominations were made:

Megan Eckdahl-Term 2012-2015

Jeff Rizzo- Term 2012-2015

The slate proposed will be send to members for approval.

Anne Bello noted that it would be beneficial to find a chair for each committee organization for 2012 year.

There was an open discussion concerning slate of officer for the 2012 year. The nominating committee polled the board members present regarding executive positions and appointments. Ryan Beacher and Robert Fillyaw resigned acceptance of continuing in current positions for 2012. The board tabled any further discussion until the aforementioned nominations were approved. The slate of officers for 2012 will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART:

President Fletcher submitted an organizational chart for consideration, with a request for any changes or suggestions. A copy is attached and made a part of the permanent record.

MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE:

There was an open discussion concerning annual membership packages. Mrs. Glanzer stated that in the past a membership/renewal application, banquet invitation and invoice was sent to members annually.

COMMISSION INTERN:

Megan Eckdahl will look into obtaining an intern for chamber. It was noted a need to create agenda for the intern and percentage to be paid if new members were obtained.

WATERMELON FESTIVAL:

Kim Stinton was present on behalf of the Newberry Watermelon Festival to request \$300.00 contribution to the Newberry Watermelon Festival Pageant. A motion was made (Glanzer/Francois) to make the donation as requested. It was also noted that the "Newberry Watermelon Queen" would be present at the annual banquet to accept the donation and any other events that the chamber requested.

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BLESSED HOPE:

On a motion by (Bello/Moore) it was approved that funds collected on behalf of Blessed Hope be put in restricted funds. Mrs. Glanzer will contact Evelyn McKoy to verify if Blessed Hope will reopen and report back to the board.

On a motion by (Volgio/Bello) it was approved that all monies collected will be put in scholarship fund if funds are not given to Blessed Hope.

NATION'S PARK:

There was an open discussion concerning the grand opening of Nation's Park and what role the chamber will have in the planning and participation of this event.

MEMBERSHIP STICKERS:

It was noted that membership stickers are now available and President Fletcher will make arrangement to have them picked up.

I-CONTACT:

It was noted that new email system was now available. Mrs. Bello stated this would give the chamber the opportunity to increase the number of contacts.

ANNUAL BANQUET:

On a motion by (Glanzer/Volga) it was approved to increase the annual banquet fee to \$35.00 each, due to increase in cost for meals.

The following committee was appointed to coordinate banquet:

Joy Glanzer
Patricia Yates
Patricia Perkins
Keri Moore
Megan Eckdahl
Raymond Francois
Jeff Rizzo

The date for the banquet will be decided after confirmation of anticipated speaker, Jeff Atwater, CFO, State of Florida.

Mrs. Glanzer will email the banquet committee the date and time of meeting.

LUNCHEONS:

On a motion by (Glanzer/Moore) it was approved to have quarterly luncheons.

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GUEST SPEAKERS:

It was agreed to table speaker for luncheon until President Fletcher has Stu Lewis (motivational speaker) complete speakers form.

CHAMBER OFFICE:

Barbara Hendrix, Executive Director, Newberry Main St., clarified the position of the chamber in the Main Street office. Currently the chamber pays for Main Street to answer the chamber phone and direct calls accordingly, due to the importance of having a chamber presence in downtown Newberry. At this time there is no space for a chamber volunteer. Joy Glanzer offered to donate office space to the chamber at no cost. Megan Eckdahl agreed to coordinate an office intern committee as to membership packets and committee structure.

FALL FESTIVAL:

Mrs. Glanzer and Mr. Francois agreed to set up booth for Newberry Fall Festival. Mrs. Bello will send email to members for material to display.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Yates, Secretary