

Minutes of the March 10 NJCC Board Meeting

Members Present: Anne Alfano Sophie Lancaster
 Ryan Beacher Keri Moore
 Bill Brant Susan Parker
 Robert Fillyaw Trent Snider
 Joy Glanzer Rocky Voglio
 Barbara Hendrix
 Ann Knapp

Guest: Michael Liff and Kevin Ireland of Business Journal
 Members of the Newberry Beautification Committee

Meeting was called to order by President Alfano at 8:35 a.m.

The February minutes were approved.

Motion to approve the March agenda was made by Barbara Hendrix, 2nd by Robert Fillyaw. Passed.

A presentation was made by Business Journal to ask for our membership list in order to give us the Business Journal free. Discussion was held and Robert Fillyaw made and 2nd by Joy Glanzer to give the Business Journal the membership list with the following stipulations: 1) Written agreement not to use the list for any purpose except mailing the Business Journal, 2) Have a method in place that any member can choose not to receive it and be removed and 3) Business Journal must join the NJCC. Passed

A presentation was made by the Newberry City Beautification Committee to ask the NJCC to donate money to help pay for 4 new signs at the entrance to Newberry – no locations were given. A motion was made by Susan Parker and 2nd by Joy Glanzer to donate \$400 (\$100 per sign) if the following motto was added to the signs –“Embracing the Past Enhancing the Future”. Passed.

Bill Brant asked if By Laws had been read and were there any changes. None suggested. A motion was made by Susan Parker and 2nd by Ann Knapp to accept the By Laws as written by the committee. Passed.

Ann Alfano asked that everyone on the Chamber Board to get the personal information she requested into her immediately so she can get the Board Insurance.

Ann Knapp reported that the website is coming along. Hopefully, we will have the new one by the end of March. Anne Alfano suggested that we keep the old website until the new one has been tested. Motion was made by Susan Parker and 2nd by Robert Fillyaw to write a letter to Gothic Software after the new site is completed to discontinue his services. Passed.

A discussion was held on the budget presented by Trent Snider. See attached financial papers. A motion was made by Bill Brandt and 2nd by Joy Glanzer to accept the financial papers as presented. Passed. Copies of the financial reports will be attached to this when received from Trent.

After Hours: Sophie Lancaster suggested that we make our After Hour Meetings only once a quarter instead of monthly to hopefully get better attendance. The Board agreed to try this.

A motion was made by Susan Parker and 2nd by Keri Moore to charge \$7.00 for monthly meeting lunches with \$5.00 to the vendor and \$2.00 to the Scholarship fund. Passed.

A discussion was held about having Chamber booths at Unity Day and the Watermelon Festival. A motion was made by Joy Glanzer, 2nd by Keri Moore to have a booth at Unity Day and the Watermelon Festival. Passed.

Anne Alfano said she had received a request for funds from the Watermelon Festival Committee for a scholarship for the Watermelon Queen. A discussion ensued and it was decided to ask the Watermelon Festival Committee to give us a presentation that would cover what the money was to be used for by the Committee – for the Queen or the general fund of the Festival. It was also decided to ask for a free booth at the Festival if we donated the money.

Political Committee: Susan Parker reported on the trip to Washington, DC that she made with a group which consisted of Keith Ashby Newberry City Manager; Jon Anfinson, CEO of TechCom; Stefan Davis, President of Davis Companies; Ben Biscan, Vice President of several Florida railroad companies; Newberry City Commissioner Bill Conrad, Newberry Jonesville Chamber of Commerce Vice President, Susan Parker and Chamber of Commerce board member, Bill Brant to meet with legislators to ask for their support for grants totaling \$4.2 million to be used by Newberry to make it possible for Advanced Nutritional Foods to locate here. If Advanced Nutritional Foods locates here it will eventually provide over 2000 jobs. Senator Bill Nelson and Representative Cliff Stearns along with staff from Senator Mel Martinez met with the group.

Trent Snider asked that we put the Political Action Committee on the agenda next month to discuss how to raise money to support this committee and make it separate but still part of the Chamber.

Motion was made by Barbara, 2nd by Pat Yates to reimburse Susan Parker an additional \$197.80 for the Washington DC tickets purchased for Susan Parker and Lowell Garrett. Passed.

At 9:55 a.m. motion to adjourn made by Robert Fillyaw and 2nd by Ann Knapp.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ann Knapp, Secretary