

*Newberry
Jonesville*

Chamber of Commerce
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Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2009

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Anne Mario Bello
Jeff Leivonen
Bill Brant
Joy Glanzer
Keri Moore
Paula Washington
Trenton Snider
Patricia Yates
Christy Finnegan
Robert Filleyaw

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Clay Martin
Ann Knapp
Ryan Beacher
Sophie Lancaster
Rocky Voglio

Call to Order/Introductions: Anne Bello, President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made (Glanzer/Moore) to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2009 board meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made (Brant/Finnegan), to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Accept Resignation to the board and replace secretary position: A motion was made by Bill Brant, to accept the resignation of Ann Knapp, seconded by Joy Glanzer and unanimously approved. Keri Moore requested that a letter be sent to Ann Knapp to acknowledge her many hours of dedication and work on behalf of the Chamber.

Anne Bello, President, polled members of the board, via email, in reference to Patricia Yates as replacement as secretary for the remainder of the year, the recommendation by the nominating committee was unanimously approved.

Nomination Committee: On behalf of the nomination committee, Keri Moore presented the following recommendation for the 2010-2011 board nominations.

2 Open Seats
Rudy Castano

3 Re-nominations
Anne M. Bello
Rocky Voglio
Bill Brant

A motion was made (Joy/Snider), to approve the nominations as presented.

The motion was amended by Joy Glanzer to add Blake Fletcher to fill the remaining vacant seat.

A motion was made by Keri Moore, seconded by Robert Fillyaw to nominate the following to the executive committee for 2010; Patricia Yates as Secretary and Trent Snider as Treasurer.

It was noted by President Bello that no recommendations were made to fill the positions of President and Vice President for the 2010/2011 year. Bill Brant noted the excellent job that Anne Bello has done with moving the Chamber forward. President Bello recommended any suggestions be made to the nominating committee before the October 13, 2009 regular board meeting.

There were no further nominations from the floor; the above recommendations were unanimously approved.

Banquet Committee Report: Joy Glanzer made the following recommendations for the annual chamber banquet to be held January 21, 2010.

\$25.00 per person in advance
\$30.00 at the door

A motion was made (Glanzer/Brant) to approve recommendations, with a stipulation that on line payment or check be made before deadline of January 18, 2009 for advance tickets.

Welcome Package and Banner Ads: There was an open discussion concerning the price of advertising in welcome packet and allowing membership the opportunity to put ads in welcome packet. The discussion was tabled for the next monthly meeting.

A motion was made (Glanzer/Fillyaw) to offer banner ads on the web site using online payment system. It was suggested the cost per month be \$25.00 for a full size banner and \$10.00 for a small banner. Anne Bello will start shopping cart to allow members the opportunity to post banners on a first come first serve basis.

Bill Brant amended the motion that all advertisements are subject to approval by the web committee and brought to the board for final approval.

Glanzer suggested that a blast be sent to member that ads would be available.

It was also noted that this is an added benefit for all members and that all revenue would be put in the general fund and tagged as web revenue. Also it was noted that demand will determine time limits to advertisers.

There was an open discussion concerning donation request from organizations and civic groups.

On a motion (Glanzer/Moore) it was approved to not renew NewberryChamber.com and renew NewberryJonesvilleChamber.org and .com. The motion was unanimously approved. It was noted that the cost is \$10.00 per year for renewal.

Joe Curilli, Gainesville Chamber President has agreed to speak at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

President Bello also noted that phonebook listing (shows the city) was incorrect. It was suggested that a message be put on chamber phone for after hour calls.

Trent Snider presented the financial quarterly report, it was accepted as represented. It was noted that funds were available for 2 \$500.00 scholarships. A copy of the report will be made a part of the permanent minutes.

Robert Fillyaw made a report on behalf of the high school scholarship committee. He met with a representative from the school and has asked the board to consider establishing certain criteria and ideas for scholarship. It was agreed that the board would review ideas presented and vote at next months meeting.

Jeff Leivonen suggested possible incentive for membership drive, noting 125 current members. Also current cutoff is was September 1, 2009 for 2009 membership fee.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Yates
Secretary