

Members Present: Sarah Mireski, Brenda Bruyette, Chris Neu, and Trish Barnes

Members Absent: Kristine Schroeder (proxy given), Marcia Krieser (proxy given), Staci Williams (proxy given), Britta Braden (proxy given), Ann Steinhorst and Carly Kastein

Others Present: Paul Backhaus (Mayville Insurance) and Linda Turk (chamber staff)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Sarah Mireski at 7:05 AM.

Secretary Report: A motion to accept the November 2008 Secretary's report was made by Chris and seconded by Trish. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: A motion to accept the November 2008 Treasurer's report was made by Brenda and seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Avenue of Trees

Many members participated in the tree decorated for Main Street Mayville's Avenue of Trees and were very creative with their ornaments they supplied for the tree.

Membership Ad

Chamber staff is to remind Staci to place the Chamber membership ad soon. Chamber staff is to send Staci an alphabetical list of Chamber members.

Audubon Reimbursement

The third quarter payroll liabilities were paid from the Audubon Checking account and a \$1,000 loan was transferred from the Audubon checking account to the chamber checking account. Chamber staff is to reimburse the Audubon checking account for the \$1,000 and the Chamber portion of the payroll liabilities by year end.

NEW BUSINESS

2009 Budget

The budget committee will consist of President, Staci Williams; President Elect Sarah Mireski, Secretary/Treasurer Marcia Krieser and Chamber Staff Linda Turk. The committee will meet and present a budget at the January board meeting. A big item that will need to be considered for 2009 is a new computer. Chamber staff has had to have the computer serviced and was told that it is showing signs of crashing soon. Sarah will work on grants available for a new computer.

2009 Membership

Membership solicitations should be sent to Halsne Service, Edge Studio 118, and both Kwik Trip stores. One membership could cover both locations for the owners. The membership amount would be for the combined total number of employees at both locations.

Wireless Bill

Our Uninterruptible Power Supply crashed and needed to be replaced and the office was made wireless. The bill will be split equally between both the Chamber and Audubon checking accounts.

Computer

Chamber staff has had to have the computer serviced and was told that it is showing signs of crashing soon. A new computer will need to be part of the 2009 budget.

Snow Shoveling

Chamber staff has been approached by an individual who would be willing to shovel the sidewalk in front of the office including paths to the street. He will charge a one time \$30 fee and money for gas as needed for the winter. A motion was made, seconded and approved to hire this individual.

Web Hosting

Linda met with Aaron Kahlhammer regarding web hosting for the chamber. Aaron said that the cost would be similar to what we are now paying. In this meeting Aaron proposed different ideas for the website including postings for job opportunities, press releases, blogging, a photo gallery, real estate listing, a video tour of Mayville and ecommerce. There would be some additional costs for the items. The chamber staff would like Aaron to come to a board meeting and present information to the chamber board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs

Lunch & Learn

In order to get information out in a timely matter, the next Lunch & Learn topic should be chosen in January. A tentative 2009 schedule would have a Lunch & Learn in March, June and September.

Network Night

A Network Night will be held tonight at The Audubon Inn from 5-7 PM. Marcia Krieser is unable to attend as the board liaison. Linda will be the Chamber liaison for the evening. A network night will not be held in January 2009. Chamber staff scheduled businesses for February through June 2009. Madden Law Firm and Marshland Pharmacy are not yet scheduled and have expressed an interest of hosting.

Retail

Audubon Days

There are only a couple of items still outstanding for 2009. We are still waiting for the income to come in from Kid's games. Chamber staff will try to collect this income before the end of the year.

Linda is still trying to work with General Casualty Insurance in filing a claim for extension cords that were stolen from the MACC storage unit. Each time Linda contacts them they seem to want more information.

Industrial

Paul Backhaus has been meeting with High School Principal Lee Zarnott about setting up business tours with area businesses as part of a program to keep Wisconsin students in Wisconsin. Paul and Chris have had a good response from both the High School and area businesses. If things work well, Mr. Zarnott would like to make this a continuous program.

Membership

2009 Membership letters went out and we have already begun to receive responses.

Nominations

Staci is working on nominations for the annual meeting.

Hospitality

Marsibilio's, Beaver Dam Community Hospital Fast Care, Tinks Mayville Ink, Steve's Auto Body, Boomerang Children's Clothing, Madden Law Firm and SunAnt Web Design and Marketing all need to have a greeting scheduled.

OTHER BUSINESS

Heritage Fest Parade

The Heritage Fest Parade is being held this Saturday at 5:00 PM. Becki Lambert called saying that she had talked to Trish about being in the parade and she had a car reserved for us. Trish thought the parade was on Sunday and is unable to attend on Saturday. Brenda expressed an interest in riding if someone would ride with her. Chamber staff is to send out an email to board members asking them to ride with Brenda and get back to Brenda.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 AM at the Chamber Office.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris and seconded by Trish at 7:46 AM. Motion carried