

- Members Present:** Sarah Mireski, Jeremy Vanderloop, Chris Neu, Paul Backhaus, Staci Williams, and Marcia Krieser
- Members Absent:** Britta Braden (proxy given), Brenda Bruyette, Kristine Schroeder, and Carly Kastein
- Others Present:** Linda Turk & Patti Kriewald (chamber staff)
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Mireski at 7:10AM.
- Secretary Report:** A motion to accept the February 2009 Secretary's report was made by Marcia and seconded by Chris. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Report:** A motion to accept the February 2009 Treasurer's report was made by Chris and seconded by Jeremy. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS**Web Hosting**

Web hosting with SunAnt is continuing. We do not need to purchase software in order to update the website as SunAnt purchased a new server which had updating software. Linda is working on updating the website through SunAnt, with much help from Aaron, and will keep the board informed on the progress. The transfer from Webnality to SunAnt should be able to be done soon. A crash of the chamber hard drive put us behind.

Citizen/Business of the Year Update

We had a very nice turn out for the evening. We did have four people show up for the evening without a reservation and did not pay for the meal. We do not know who they were. KarLen Catering did a great job of making adjustments for the additional people in attendance. There was some concern about the annual meeting and some changes will need to go into place for next year.

Easter Basket Hunt Update

The donation letters have gone out. Precision Auto Body and Patty Cakes daycare will again donate big prizes. In addition to the baskets some downtown businesses, we will also have baskets in participating west side businesses. There will be two line ups. One line up at City Hall as usual and a separate line-up on the west side near Ben Franklin. We do need someone the help the Easter Bunny on Saturday. Chamber staff will check to see if Joel is having his breakfast with the Easter Bunny again this year.

Fireworks

Jeremy talked to both Roger Williams and Mayor Tracy Heron. When the city did not budget for the fireworks, the fire department did not pursue fundraising for fireworks as they are fundraising for other items and did not think they should add fireworks to their fundraising. By the time Jeremy talked to Roger, there would only have been five days in

order to raise the necessary funds to commit to fireworks for July 4, 2009. The chamber board discussed that there would be a possibility to ask area townships to help with the fireworks for 2010. The board is willing to do what it can in order to support July 4th fireworks for 2009.

Mayville Night at the Schauer Center

The Chamber board would like to pursue a Mayville Night at the Schauer Center for the 2009-2010 season. Several members have called and have encouraged the chamber to participate. Marcia Krieser has agreed to be the liaison to Tom at the Schauer Center. The chamber board made a list of five events that would be possibilities to sponsor. Chamber staff will get in touch with Tom Robbins and inform him of our decision and give him Marcia's contact information.

NEW BUSINESS

Hard Drive Crash

The chamber hard drive crashed and we went a long weekend without a computer. Computer Troubleshooters had to do install a new hard drive and reload software. We did go about two weeks without being able to send mass emails or attachments. Things are now pretty much up and running. However, we are occasionally finding files that are missing or with errors.

Hired and Non-owner Auto Insurance Coverage

Linda met with Ryan from Nolan Insurance and we went over our insurance coverage. He did offer Hired and Non-owner Auto Insurance Coverage. This coverage would most often be used if an Audubon Committee member, chamber board member or chamber staff member were driving their personal vehicle (with low limits or no personal auto coverage) on errands for chamber or Audubon Days and had an accident. This coverage would cause our liability coverage to kick in. The chamber board opted not to add this coverage at this time and is aware that it could be added at any time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs

Lunch & Learn

The next Lunch & Learn is scheduled for Thursday, March 26th at the Mayville Golf Course. The topic of Arthritis, Exercise and Living Life to its Fullest will be presented by: Katrina Serwe, MS, OTR, ATP, CLT, CEAS of Agnesian HealthCare Physical Medicine

Network Night

The next Network Night is scheduled for April 2nd at Ruedebusch Day Spa from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Marcia offered to be the liaison for the evening.

Retail

Audubon Days – Sarah will talk to Erica Jones about the two of them working together on Audubon Days.

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. Paul and Chris are waiting to meet with the faculty.

Membership

We did not receive much of a response on our second membership mailing. The membership for Horicon Marsh Boat tours is coming.

Hospitality

Future greetings include: Marsibilio's, Beaver Dam Community Hospital Fast Care, Tinks Ink, Steve's Auto Body, Madden Law Firm, No Knots, SunAnt Web Design and Marketing, and Precision for their new 24 hour towing. Greetings for Steve's Auto Body and Precision Auto Body are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th at noon. Chamber staff will contact Precision and Marcia will contact Steve's Auto Body before the date will be confirmed.

OTHER BUSINESS**Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 AM at the Chamber Office.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marcia and seconded by Jeremy at 8:10 AM. Motion carried