

# GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – Monthly Meeting – Board of Directors  
December 17, 2015 – 4:00 P.M. – Persia Town Hall

Robert Dingman, NY & Lake Erie Railroad, gave a brief update of the 12/12/15 train rides. He stated they did 8 runs, 5 were scheduled, added 3 more and had approximately 1300 riders. He suggested the train rides be coordinated with the 2016 *Christmas in Gowanda* event. He stated restaurants were very busy.

**Call to Order:** President Gary Patterson called the meeting to order at 4:27 P.M.

**Directors Present:** Carol Sheibley, Mary Stelley, Cathy Walsh, Ned Divine

**Absent:** Travis Grubbs, Ralph Swanson, Mary Pankow, Sal Dicembre, Greg McClure, Don Rogers, Irene Jimerson

**Guests:** Robert Dingman, John Walgus – they left after the update of the 12/12/15 train rides.

**Minutes:** The 11/11/2015 meeting minutes were approved as distributed with motion by Cathy Walsh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ned Divine.

## **Secretary: Correspondence**

- Cattaraugus County Arts Council – Grant was not approved for 2016.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance Sheet - Assets 11/30/2015 - \$8,257.69 – report filed. The 2016 dues invoices will be mailed after the holidays.

## **Officer Reports:**

- Vice President – Don Rogers continues to place info on the Chamber Facebook page.
- President – Gary Patterson advised the lights were up at the park; tree decorated on 11/28/15 with assistance from Mark McHale and two students. Ned Divine advised Heaven Scent had very good sales on Friday night of *Christmas in Gowanda*. Cathy Walsh heard the 2016 event might be one day (Saturday) with parade at end of the event.

## **Committee Reports:**

- Election Results – Irene Jimerson, Carol Sheibley and Amy Lindquist were elected for three-year terms ending 12/31/2018.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- Shop Local –
  1. Winners of basket items: Honks Grape & Grain – Mike DeLeo, McCormack's Hardware – Mike Stelley, Soles Unlimited – Mike Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> basket from various businesses – Jacque Emborski, 2<sup>nd</sup> basket Kathy Young. Gabel Bros will draw their winner closer to Christmas.
  2. Coloring Contest: 3-4 ages Adeline Meyers, 5-6 ages Hayden Becker, 7-8 ages Chase Bolen and 9-10 ages Madison Bless.
  3. Business window winners: Heaven Scent – 1<sup>st</sup> place, J & J Outfitters – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Hair, Etc. 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
  4. Winners of the Friday night parade: 1<sup>st</sup> place Versailles Volunteer Fire Company \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Farnham Fire Company \$50; business/organizations 1<sup>st</sup> place Little Love Bugs Day care \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kiwanis Club \$50.
- Changes have been suggested for the 2016 Shop Local event.
- Office space – more info needed
- 2016 Spirit of Gowanda will be held 4/23/2016 at the Gowanda American Legion. Information will be given to news media requesting nominations from the community for the 2016 event.

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## **New Business:**

**Election of 2016 Officers** – Motion by Ned Divine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Sheibley to nominate the following officers for 2016 – President Gary Patterson, Vice President Amy Lindquist, Secretary Cathy Walsh, Treasurer Mary Stelley – carried.

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 7, 2016, 4:00 PM at Persia Town Hall

## **Mary Stelley**

Secretary