

GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – Monthly Meeting – Board of Directors
January 10, 2017 – 6:00 P.M. – I'll Drink to That! Promotions Store

Call to Order: President Nick Crassi called the meeting to order at 6:14 P.M.

Directors Present: Mary Stelley, Irene Jimerson, Becky Grudzien, Janet Vogtli, Kym Deming, Gary Patterson, Robert Dingman and Ned Divine

Absent: Carol Sheibley

Members: none present

Guests: none present

Minutes: The 12/14/2016 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Secretary: Correspondence

- Inquiry from Megan Walker as to whether she should join as individual member or have the *Gowanda PennySaver News* become a member with the chamber.
- Springville Chamber re: their Annual Award dinner 2/4/2017; requesting nominations.
- Decided to invite 2 of the local papers for an interview to find out who is best suited for local businesses and what works best for the Community. Date and time is scheduled for a special meeting on January 25, 2017 at 6:00-8:00 P.M. Mary Stelley will be contacting each publication to confirm.
- Cindy Hill contacted Ned Divine and advised she does catering and wanted to know the process of working with the Chamber events.
- Kym Deming to be revisiting and redoing the Facebook page to Rediscover Gowanda.
- Motion to try cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres for SOG event. Motion by Kym Deming and 2nd by Gary Patterson – carried.
- Motion by Kym Deming for SOG with “dress to impress attire”, 2nd by Ned Devine - carried.
- Chamber to work on getting emails of local businesses to communicate Chamber minutes. Becky Grudzien will be calling local listing collected by Janet Vogtli.

Reviewed Tentative Schedule:

- Nomination forms for SOG are being distributed and also available for pick up at Auto Wrench Connection, Gowanda Area Federal Credit Union, Gowanda Post Office, Grudzien Agency, J&J Outfitters, I'll Drink to That Promotions, Town of Collins Town hall, Town of Persia, Valley Pharmacy, and Village of Gowanda. Deadline February 28, 2017.
- April - Spirit of Gowanda Award Gala - Nick Crassi will contact the Hollywood Theater for tentative date of April 29, 2017.
- May - Rediscover Gowanda dates May 18, 19, 20, 21 with a Patriot Theme and same movies to be played at the Hollywood Theater.
- July - Music Series at the Gowanda American Legion. Gary Patterson confirms venue.

Treasurer: Community Bank balance 12/30/2016 - \$12, 025.91, Assets \$11,525.91

President: President Nick Crassi expressed his gratitude for being elected as president and would like to say Thank you for this position of the Gowanda Chamber.

Committee Reports: nothing to report at this time

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Unfinished Business:

- Spirit of Gowanda Award Gala - need to discuss ticket cost, confirm date & menu
- December - Shop Local with Christmas in Gowanda – Janet Vogtli suggested Chamber consider Shop Local for three weekends.
- Confirmed location of date and times of monthly Chamber meetings. - Meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Wednesday of every month starting at 6:00pm at “I’LL DRINK TO THAT! PROMOTIONS “ store located at 10 Jamestown Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

New Business:

- No new business.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. Special meeting January 25, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Becky Grudzien
Secretary