

GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – Monthly Meeting – Board of Directors
February 8, 2017 – 6:00 P.M. – I'll Drink to That Promotion Store

Call to Order: President Nick Crassi called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Directors Present: Mary Stelley, Becky Grudzien, Kym Deming, Carol Sheibley, Irene Jimerson, Robert Dingman and Ned Divine

Absent: excused-Gary Patterson, Janet Vogtli

Members/Guests: none present

Minutes: The 1/10/2017 meeting minutes were approved as distributed. It should be noted Carol Sheibley was absent due to a conflict with the Village of Gowanda board meeting.

Secretary: E-mail from Bill Peglowski regarding Fall Festival scheduled for last weekend in September. Discussion at March meeting; President Crassi will contact Bill Peglowski regarding his email.

Treasurer's Report: 1/30/2017 – Community Bank \$12,657.11 – Motion by Ned Divine, 2nd by Dingman to accept treasurer's report as prepared by R. A. Mercer & Co. – **carried.**

Officer Reports:

- o President Crassi advised DFT Communications is at Gowanda Central School installing Internet access cable and will be going to Town of Persia. He will speak to them regarding free Internet access for the Chamber. Crassi has been in contact with Mark Burr at the Hollywood Theater regarding setup, etc. for the 2017 Gala.

Committee Reports:

- o Nominating Committee – Motion made by Carol Sheibley, 2nd Stelley to destroy 2017 board election ballots – **carried.**

Unfinished Business:

2017 Spirit of Gowanda Awards Gala – Lori Crassi received several quotes from local vendors for the reception. Kelly and Cindy (All Fired Up) will be invited to special meeting 2/28/17 to discuss options for the reception.

- o Motion by Kym Deming, 2nd by Ned Divine to select All Fired Up for the Hors d'oeuvres reception – **carried.**
- o Motion by Divine, 2nd by Sheibley to contract with South Dayton Hotel to provide liquor refreshments for the cash bar with setup cost of \$250.00 – **carried.**
- o Motion by Stelley, 2nd by Grudzien to have President Crassi sign the Hollywood Theater agreement – **carried.**
- o Selection of honorees for the 2017 Spirit of Gowanda at the special meeting 2/28/2017.
- o Motion by Deming, 2nd Dingman to use *Gowanda Press* for news events, etc. – **carried.**

New Business:

- o **Office Space** – Earl Farina contacted Becky regarding office space on South Water Street. Lew Gabel attend the meeting, answered questions and reviewed costs involved including no rent for a year but Chamber to pay utilities. Motion by Crassi, 2nd by Grudzien to try the 15 South Water Street location starting March 1, 2017 for a Chamber office location with final decision regarding having an office made before the one year free rent offer expires – **carried.**

Adjournment: As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next meeting: Regular scheduled monthly meeting March 8, 2017 @ 6:00pm; special meeting to meet with caterers at 6:00pm on 2/28/2017 at 10 Jamestown St., Gowanda, NY.

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