

GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – Monthly Meeting – Board of Directors
April 12, 2017 – 6:00 P.M. – 15 South Water Street

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

Directors Present: Nick Crassi, Mary Stelley, Becky Grudzien, Irene Jimerson, Janet Vogtli, Ned Divine

Absent: excused-Gary Patterson, Robert Dingman, Kym Deming, Carol Sheibley

Members: Lori Crassi, Margaret Moritz, Kevin McCormick

Guest: Bill Peglowski

Minutes: The 3/8/2017 meeting minutes were distributed and distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Community Bank \$16,370.27 – Special event insurance premium of \$176.00 was paid by Mary Stelley. Motion to reimburse Mary \$176.00 was made by Ned Divine, 2nd by Irene Jimerson – carried.

Secretary: Email received from Love Inc. in regards to Rediscover Gowanda event was given to Janet Vogtli. Laura Valone was contacted regarding Chinese Basket Auction at Spirit of Gowanda (SOG). Laura advised she has approximately 30 for the SOG event.

Officer Reports:

President: Discussion regarding when to open the new Chamber of Commerce office location to the public. Bill Peglowski advised he is interested in volunteering at the Chamber office.

Discussion was held regarding bylaws as they pertain to new businesses getting the first year free. It was discussed that some former businesses were not given the first year free. Pro-rating of dues was also discussed, more discussion to follow.

Lori Crassi to follow up with South Dayton Hotel regarding the insurance requirements for the SOG event listing the Chamber as additional insured.

Discussed decorations for the SOG event, balloons, rope lights, start set up and review table placement and decoration on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6pm at the Hollywood Theater.

Mary Stelley finishing final draft of the 2017 directory to send to printer. Also, giving ticket count and down payment to All Fired Up for the SOG event April 22, 2017.

Unfinished Business:

Rediscover Gowanda – May 18-21, 2017 – Janet Vogtli – follow up on parking lot and where to have fireworks.

Fall Scarecrow Contest – 1-day event tentative September 30, 2017 – Bill Peglowski handling

Christmas in Gowanda – start November 24, Black Friday and consider having sales until December 23rd.

Adjournment: As no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting: Regular monthly meeting May 10, 2017 @ 6:00pm at 15 South Water Street, Gowanda.

Becky Grudzien

Secretary