

# GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – Monthly Meeting – Board of Directors  
August 9, 2017 – 5:30 P.M. – 15 South Water Street

**Call to Order:** President Nick Crassi called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**Directors Present:** Nick Crassi, Mary Stelley, Becky Grudzien, Irene Jimerson, Ned Divine, Robert Dingman, Carol Sheibley, Gary Patterson

**Members:** Becky Lombardy-*Gowanda Press*

**Guests:** Sarah Gabel, Heather McKeever and Bill Peglowski

Heather McKeever and Sarah Gabel elaborated on Christmas in Gowanda Event. Discussed having the Chamber take over the event and how to engage families into the events. It was stated to get more involvement with the local churches and go back to Friday with events and Saturday for shopping and train rides. Heather will bring more information to the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 9/6/17 at 5:00 pm so the Chamber can determine if they want to sponsor the 2017 event. Heather & Sarah left the meeting after their presentation.

**Minutes:** The 6/12/2017 meeting minutes were approved as distributed. No meeting held in July.

**Secretary:** Received Chinese tickets from Janet Vogtli

**Treasurer's Report:** Community Bank \$18,314.31; motion by Carol Sheibley, 2nd Gary Patterson to accept as presented - carried

## **Officer Reports:**

**President:** Opened discussion on the Fall Fest. Nick has a potential band lined up to play at Gateway Park for 3 hours. Bill Peglowski discussed Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> for the Scarecrow Contest with Gowanda History Hunt and working with the Gowanda Library to have bake sale. Still working on several other events.

**Rediscover Gowanda proceeds.** Janet Vogtli contacted Nick requesting excess funds from Rediscover Gowanda event to purchase cameras for the Village of Gowanda. Motion by Robert Dingman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Patterson to send letter to Janet to submit a written request for the use of excess Rediscover Gowanda funds. A recap of Rediscover Gowanda funds will be enclosed with the letter reflecting income received and expenses paid in 2016 and 2017.

**Member:** Becky Lombardy advised the *Gowanda Press* would be doing a business write-up spotlight page on the last Friday of the month. It includes a feature colored story and a business directory. The cost is \$29.99 a month but businesses have to commit to a year of advertising. See Gowanda Press for further details.

## **Unfinished business:**

**Christmas in Gowanda** - Start Nov. 24 Black Friday; Schedule of Events

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

**Next meeting:** Regular scheduled meeting Sept. 13, 5:45 pm and Special meeting Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm @ 15 South Water Street, Gowanda.

Becky Grudzien  
**SECRETARY**