

GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – Special Meeting – Board of Directors
September 6, 2017 – 5:00 P.M. – 15 South Water Street

Call to Order: President Nick Crassi called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Directors Present: Nick Crassi, Mary Stelley, Becky Grudzien, Robert Dingman, Carol Sheibley, Gary Patterson

Excused: Irene Jimerson, Ned Devine.

Members: Becky Lombardy-Gowanda Press,

Guests: Sarah Gabel, Heather McKeever, Bill Peglowski, and Kathy Camp

Special Meeting: Christmas in Gowanda and Fall Fest.

Financial report received from GARC given to Nick Crassi in reference to 2016 Christmas in Gowanda.

The guests and directors discussed various events, location, Santa, movies on how to engage families in the holiday spirit and how to create a whimsical experience in the town. Discussed fireworks display, cookie decorating contest to ginger bread houses; Train rides with Santa during the day on Sat ending at 4pm to the evening with an Adult Wine and Cheese train ride possibility. Parade coordinated by Gowanda Fire Dept.; House Lighting; Santa Walk, MC the event - Mayor David Smith; Tree lighting on Friday night at 6pm, face painting at the Hollywood Theater; Stories at the Gowanda Library with Hot Chocolate and cookies and coloring contest. Scheduling putting up the banner. Seeking a theme name for this year's Christmas in Gowanda and discussed publicity - mailings, Gowanda Press, Facebook, etc.

Mary Stelley made a motion and Robert Dingman 2nd to have Heather McKeever and Sarah Gabel chair and co-chair this year's event with the Gowanda Chamber sponsoring the event – carried. Heather & Sarah left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Fall fest- Bill Peglowski- Crafters will be at the Gowanda Library.

Motion made by Becky Grudzien, 2nd by Robert Dingman to pay Wild Card \$350.00 to play at Gateway Park from 1-4 pm on Sept. 30, 2017. Baseball game will be at 4pm at Gateway Park.

Officer report:

President Nick Crassi opened discussion to rest the issue of Rediscover Gowanda funds. Robert Dingman made a motion with 2nd by Gary Patterson that in regards to Rediscover Gowanda the Chamber cannot redirect funds that were received. Proceeds were deposited in the Chamber account for the purpose of Rediscover Gowanda activities – carried.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Next meeting: Regular scheduled meeting Sept. 13, 6:00pm @ 15 South Water Street, Gowanda, Special meeting to review ideas and timeline event for Christmas in Gowanda, Sept 20, 2017 @ 5:00pm same location.

Becky Grudzien

Secretary