

GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – regular meeting – Board of Directors
September 13, 2017 – 5:45 P.M. – 15 South Water Street

Call to Order: President Nick Crassi called the meeting to order at 5:55 P.M.

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

Members: Lori Crassi,

Guests: Bill Peglowski, Anne Merkt

Approval of Minutes: 8/9/17 & 9/6/17-Ned Devine motioned and Carol Sheibley 2nd.

Secretary: Correspondence

Received Resignation from Kym Deming-Accepted with regrets

Received J & J Outfitters Event Flyer- will post in the community board and emailed out to members.

Treasurer's Report: Assets \$17,414.93 Carol Sheibley motioned, Becky Grudzien 2nd.

Fall fest Update- Bill Peglowski- Reminder of Scarecrow Contest Pick up forms to register at Gabel Bros, Gowanda Library and go online for a pdf at Gowanda Online. Contest winner announced on October 2nd 2017. Several activities taking place on Saturday, September 30, 2017 in the village as well at GARC Park. Band starts at 1pm-4pm and baseball game scheduled at 4pm. Refreshments will be available for sale.

Christmas in Gowanda: Special meeting scheduled for Sept. 20, 2017 at 5:00pm at the Chamber office with Heather McKeever and Sarah Gabel as Co- Chairmen. Will be placing ads in the local papers and the Observer of the dates and events coming soon.

Gowanda Ambulance: Anne Merkt, representing: seeking fundraising ideas. Gowanda Chamber suggested the Gowanda Ambulance, Anne Merkt sell the 50/50 tickets as a fundraiser at the Fall Fest at GARC Park on Saturday, September 30, 2017. They will also be selling Cookbooks, recipes from local people in our community. \$15.00, books will be for sale on Sept. 30, 2017 at GARC Park and at other locations in town, TBD.

Officer report:

President: Nick Crassi opened discussion to the conclusion to the issue of Rediscover Gowanda funds. Robert Dingman made a motion with 2nd by Gary Patterson that in regards to Rediscover Gowanda. A letter is being drafted to the Attention of the Mayor and the Village of Gowanda for the remaining proceeds in the Rediscover Gowanda fund for the intent to install surveillance cameras for the Village of Gowanda. – Irene Jimerson voted –no.

New business: *Business Networking ideas-* presented by Becky Grudzien Would like to place a brochure rack at the train depot as most out of towners come for train rides and will have access to local business information in town and surrounding areas. If any member would like to display a one page advertisement or place a card stock of your business. Drop off at the Grudzien Agency, 21 South Water Street, Gowanda and I will place in the rack; would like it on display by November 3rd, to get ready for the Christmas in Gowanda train rides and shopping local days. Also, made mention on having local business displays on side of buildings as build boards, more to come. To be continued.

Bertrand Chaffee: Chamber will be offering a sponsored event for BCH for them to do a presentation on the new things happening at the hospital. Date and time TBD.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

Next meeting: Regular scheduled meeting October 11, 2017, 6:00pm @ 15 South Water Street, Gowanda.

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