

GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – regular meeting – Board of Directors
February 7, 2018 – 6:00 P.M. – 15 South Water Street

Call to Order: President Nick Crassi called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M.

Directors Present: Nick Crassi, Mary Stelley, Becky Grudzien, Robert Dingman, Carol Sheibley, Gary Patterson, Ned Divine-excused, Irene Jimerson, Melinda Spires, Shannon Smuda

Members: none

Guests: Bill Peglowski

Approval of Minutes: 1/10/2018 - Shannon Smuda, Carol Sheibley 2nd – motion carried

Secretary: Received US Bankruptcy Court Notice for former Gowanda News/PennySaver; Foremost Insurance policy change notice: Notice from Lawley Insurance to receive paperwork electronically; Received notice from Buffalo Business First – special subscription rate \$75.00 - one year. Board will explore options of visibility for publicizing local events and businesses.

Treasurer's Report: Assets 12/31/2017, \$15,373.82. Motion by Gary Patterson, 2nd by Melinda Spires – motion carried.

Officer report:

President: Spirit of Gowanda (SOG) dinner April 7, 2018 at the Gowanda American Legion, 5-6pm cash bar cocktails with hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner at 6:00pm catered by Rolling Hills. Business casual attire will be placed on the tickets.

- Pending MC, Guest Speaker. – Nick Crassi will be making calls.
- Chinese Auction will be under way for solicitation by Laura Valone, Shannon Smuda and Melinda Spire
- Upon asking for a donation of basket items, will also be soliciting for new chamber members.
- Reviewed details of SOG expenditures.

July Music Series: Gary Patterson confirmed bands for music series at Gowanda American Legion:

7.05.18 - Uncle Ben's Remedy

7.12.18 - Paul Zittel & Pure Country

7.19.18 - Barnstorm Country Band

7.26.18 - Crash Cadillac

New business:

Mary Stelley suggested the Chamber recognize area businesses when they receive a special award, such as the recent award received by K & L Lanes and consider offering the business a free Chamber membership. After further discussion, Melinda Spire motioned to give K & L Lanes 2 tickets for the 2018 SOG dinner and ½ off the 2018 Chamber membership dues for receiving 1st place in News 4 WIVB Buffalo's Best Burger contest, 2nd by Gary Patterson – motion carried.

.Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting: Regular scheduled meeting March 14, 2018 6:00pm – Chamber office and Christmas in Gowanda meeting following Chamber board meeting at 7:00pm @ 15 South Water Street, Gowanda.

Becky Grudzien
Secretary