

GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – Board of Directors – Monthly Meeting
February 13, 2019 – 6:30 PM – 15 South Water Street, Gowanda, NY

Call to Order: President Nick Crassi called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

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

Excused: Melinda Spire, Shannon Smuda, Irene Jimerson

Guest: Bill Peglowski

Minutes: The 1/9/19 meeting minutes were approved as distributed with motion by Sheibley, 2nd by Grudzien – **carried.**

Correspondence:

1. Certified mail from Foremost Insurance Group re non-renewal of business policy, The Hartford will be the new insurance carrier with Lawley-Tradition LLC.
2. Twelve SOG nominations received.
3. Buffalo Business First – 1 year subscription – special rate \$80 – no action
4. New member request – Small Business Development Center, JCC – invoice emailed
5. Annual dues notices have been mailed to current members

Treasurer's Report: 1/31/19 financials reviewed with motion by Patterson, 2nd by Koch to accept after review of income and expenses – **carried.**

Unfinished Business:

1. Grant Update – Sheibley & Stelley attended meeting on 1/17/19 to learn amounts received of Cattaraugus County Group B Tourism Promotion grant - \$500 for Christmas in Gowanda and \$750 for Fall Fest.

2. Spirit of Gowanda – After a lengthy discussion and review of nominations received the following were selected:

Business – M. W. Offhaus & Sons, Inc., Special Business Recognition - The TeePee Bed & Breakfast, Community Service – Kiwanis Club of Gowanda and Gowanda Central School selected Olivia Ackley for the student award. The Gowanda Moose was selected for the location on 4/13/19, tickets will remain at \$30 and ad prices are as follows: Full page \$150, ½ page \$100, ¼ page \$75, 1/8th page \$50 and 1/16th page \$30. Further details and menu will be discussed at the March meeting.

3. July 2019 Music Series – Patterson advised Uncle Ben's Remedy will not be available – scheduled 7/18/19 Barnstorm, 7/25/19 Crash Cadillac. Patterson will contact bands for 7/11/19 and 8/1/19.

4. Fall Fest – car show 9/28/19 – American Legion to be contacted for confirmation of location

New Business:

Becky Grudzien was contacted regarding the rent checks. They would like to be paid quarterly. Advised Grudzien to have Phoenix Lodge 262 submit request in writing.

Adjournment: As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM with a motion by Sheibley, 2nd by Dingman - **carried**

Next monthly meeting: March 13, 2019 - 6:30 PM - Chamber Office, 15 South Water Street, Gowanda

Mary Stelley
Secretary