

GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – Board of Directors – Monthly Meeting

February 12, 2020 – 6:00 PM – 15 South Water Street, Gowanda, NY

Call to Order: Vice President Irene Jimerson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Directors Present: Irene Jimerson, Melinda Spire, Carol Sheibley, Robert Dingman, Gary Patterson, Mary Stelley, Shannon Smuda, Wanda Koch (phone); Nicholas Crassi arrived at 6:20 PM.

Guests: Bill Peglowski

Minutes:

Motion 2020-05 By Patterson, 2nd Smuda to accept the minutes of the 1/08/2020 monthly meeting as presented – carried.

Treasurer's Report: Operating \$14,102.09; Happening \$2,752.73 –

Motion 2020-06 By Spire, 2nd Smuda to accept the treasurer's report – carried.

Communications:

- Resignation letter received from Board member Becky Grudzien.
Motion 2020-07 By Dingman, 2nd Sheibley to table – carried – 5 yes & 4 no
- Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company – notice of policy renewal – for info
- Alumni Weekend 2020
Motion 2020-08 By Spire, 2nd Smuda to participate in the weekend similar to SHOP Local for each \$25 purchase a \$25 prize to be given (10 drawings \$250 total) – carried.
- Johnson, Mackowiak & Associates, LLP – annual engagement letter advising terms and objectives.

Unfinished Business:

- **Christmas In Gowanda** – recap of event, consider survey and Bill Peglowski to submit photos
- **July Music Series** – consider new board/banner – ask American Legion to put info on their sign
- **The Happening** – discussion regarding percentage to be given to WNYHeroes.org – no decision. Happening Committee will share a booth (total cost \$650) at the 2020 WNY Sport & Travel Expo in Hamburg 3/5-8/20 with Gowanda Harley Davidson, Chamber share \$237.50.
- **Spirit of Gowanda** – The Chamber received 4 business and 6 community service nominations. After review Gary Patterson of Garden Gate Greenhouse and John Rebmann of Radio Shack/Rebmann Electronics were selected for the business award and William Cain for community service award with special recognition for community service to Ken Hawkins. Gowanda Central School selected Tatum Stitzel for the student award. Bill Peglowski was asked if he could supply light music during the event. Spire & Smuda will create lantern table decorations.
Motion 2020-09 By Stelley, 2nd Sheibley to book the Gowanda Moose for 4/4/2020 using 2019 ad costs and dinner tickets \$30 each – carried.

New Business:

- **2020 Cattaraugus County Group B Tourism Promotion Grant Program** – The Chamber was granted \$1,500 total to use during Fall Fest and Christmas in Gowanda.
- **Christmas in Gowanda** – Request from Village of Gowanda regarding cost of decorations, etc. – no action taken – will review at a later date.
- **HGTV** – Koch advised application submitted by community resident for Gowanda award.

Adjournment: As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Mary Stelley

Secretary