

GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – Board of Directors – Monthly Meeting
April 15th – 6:00 PM – Village of Gowanda board room

Call to Order: President Nick Crassi called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Directors Present: Nick Crassi, Melinda Spire, Carol Sheibley, Mary Stelley, Irene Jimerson, Shannon Smuda, Wanda Koch, Robert Dingman

Excused: Gary Patterson

Minutes:

Motion made by Spire, 2nd Smuda to accept the minutes of the 12/9/20 meeting - **carried**.

Treasurer's Report: \$11,649.98 Operating; Happening \$1,425.23 as of 3/31/21.

Motion made by Jimerson, 2nd Sheibley to accept the treasurer's report as presented – **carried**.

Communications:

- 2021 grant letter from Cattaraugus County. Mary and Carol will be going on 4/28/21 to find out the GACC award amount.
- National Fuel has credited our account \$200.40.
- Becky Grudzien inquired about utilizing the chamber windows for business advertising.
- Cattaraugus County economic growth and development has brochure slots available at rest areas. Mary will email out to chamber registered businesses to give them the opportunity.

Committee:

- **Nominating** – nothing further to report

Unfinished Business

- **Music in the Park** – tabled until May meeting.
- **Spirit of Gowanda** – hold 10/9/21 as possible date.
- **Car Show** – Host at The Wicked Glen during Alumni Weekend? 9/25/21 Save the date.
- **Christmas in Gowanda** – 1 Day event on 12/4/21. Further discussion tabled to a later meeting.

New Business:

- **Motion** – By Sheibley, 2nd Smuda to pay \$965.00 insurance bill. – **carried**.
- **Seth Wochensky**, Executive Director of Springville Center for the Arts attended as a special guest to talk about Artsapalooza. Seth is looking to bring the program to Gowanda area kids this summer. He needs sponsors and a partnering organization to help roll out the program locally. In order to make this a free program, he's looking to raise \$1000.00. This is an outdoor, multi-arts event for families with young children that is centered around theater performance using large puppets. It is run by Seth and a team of college students through a residency program. This year's theme is an interpretation of the Russian folk story, Baba Yaga.
- **Motion** – By Melinda. 2nd by Nick to provide an update from Seth on what other organizations is Seth working with and our next steps. – **carried**.
- **Train Rides** – NY&LE RR is offering Mother's Day train rides on 5/8 and 5/9. Bob is looking to celebrate the 170th anniversary on 5/15 with a special ride, details still pending. Possibly doing themed rides every weekend in May.

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- **Bob Dingman** is presenting to an organization that wants to bring bike trails through the area. He also would like to start a revitalization sub-committee to address new business and economic development. Meeting date set for 4/27 @ 6:30pm at Tim Hortons.

Adjournment: As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 at 6 PM – Gowanda Village boardroom.

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