

GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – Board of Directors – Monthly Meeting
July 14th, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Village of Gowanda board room

Call to Order: President Nick Crassi called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

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

Excused: Shannon Smuda

Special Guests: Janet Vogtli and Dave Barnes

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- Janet Vogtli and Dave Barnes attended the meeting to make suggestions to the chamber board in regard to: monthly email blasts, new phone number, updates to website, updated member application, develop a welcoming committee/process for new businesses and develop a brochure. The board will discuss and advise. Guests exited meeting at 6:35pm.

Minutes:

- **Motion** made by C. Sheibley, 2nd M. Stelley to accept the minutes of the 06/09/21 meeting - **carried**.

Presidents Report:

- Nick spoke with Chamber building owner whom stated all repairs to the heating/cooling system are being repaired at no cost to the Chamber.

Treasurer's Report: \$13,662.36 Operating; Happening \$1,450.23 as of 06/30/21.

- **Motion** made by M. Spire, 2nd W. Koch to accept the treasurer's report as presented – **carried**.

Communications

- Gowanda Alumni Sponsorship Letter
 - **Motion** made by M. Stelley to support the Gowanda Boosters Alumni weekend event at the \$50 "Other" Level, 2nd by G. Patterson. – **carried**.
- Received email from Joshua Tripi inquiring about building space for his motor repair business. Nick and Bob will refer him to potential sites for rent.

VP Report – None.

Committees:

- Strategic Planning Meeting set for 7:00pm on 7/28/21 at The Wicked Glen.

Unfinished Business

- **Ducky Derby**
 - **Motion** made by M. Spire to purchase 1000 Ducky Derby tickets at a cost of \$95 and Ducky Derby banner at a cost not to exceed \$250.00.
 - , 2nd by I. Jimerson. – **carried**
 - **Motion** made by G. Patterson to charge \$5.00 per duck, 2nd by W. Koch. – **carried**
 - 10 cash prizes to be awarded.
 - 1st-3rd Places: \$100 each
 - 4th-6th Places: \$50.00 each
 - 7th-10th Places: \$25.00 each
 - Melinda setting up another Ducky Derby planning meeting – will notify the board of date and time.

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- **Music in the Park**
 - Discussion had about extending into 1st week of August in order to reschedule IronLace. All agreed, and band is available for 8/5. Melinda to update event flyer and share to the Facebook page.
- **Artsapalooza**
 - Program is all set. Springville Center for the Arts has successfully partnered with Gowanda Recreation to embed all workshops. The sponsorship goal of \$1000.00 has been met with the support of the Kiwanis Club (\$300), Gowanda Recreation, Village of Gowanda (\$200) and Chamber of Commerce (\$500).
- **Car Show/Alumni Weekend**
 - Melinda to update flyer: reduce car graphic size, font sizing and add Nick as a contact.
 - GPD has approved road closure.
 - **Motion** made by N. Crassi to purchase trophies and dash plates, not to exceed \$300.00, 2nd by M. Spire. – **carried**.
- **Spirit of Gowanda**
 - Nominations for the Business Category:
 - Gowanda Area Federal Credit Union
 - Musacchio & Pyle Law Office
 - Nominations for Community Service:
 - Gowanda Recreation
 - Amy Jarzynski
 - Troy Jolls
 - James & Desiree Sanderson/LOVE, Inc.
 - Youth award selected by Gowanda Central School: Hayley Stang
 - **Motion** made by M. Spire to accept both business nominations, 2nd by I. Jimerson. – **carried**.
 - **Motion** made by M. Spire to accept the votes for both Gowanda Recreation and LOVE, Inc. to be recognized in the community service category, 2nd by W. Koch. – **carried**.

New Business:

- Gowanda Moose Club received a grant to assist nonprofits and would like to engage the chamber to participate. The event will provide a platform for nonprofits to share about what they do. Hold 9/11/21 as the event date.
- Julie Fallon (Gowanda Moose) offered to serve on a Chamber committee, Carol will follow-up with her.
- Koch requested DEC maps be placed on the Chamber website - all agreed.
- Remaining *New Business* tabled until August meeting.

Adjournment: **Motion** made by N. Crassi to adjourn meeting at 8:22pm, 2nd by G. Patterson. - **carried**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 11th, 2021 at 6 PM – Gowanda Village Boardroom.

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