

Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
6 Academy St.
Greenwich, NY 12834

February 17, 2016

DRAFT MINUTES – APPROVED

Directors in attendance: Mary Barnhart, Suzanne Becker, Bill Blake, Christine Grogan, Barb Hamel, Katie Mohamed Ali, and Matt Ryan.

- I. President Suzanne Becker called the meeting to order at 6:35
- II. Consent Agenda:

The January 2016 meeting minutes & the January treasurer's reports were included. A MOTION was made by Suzanne Becker to accept the consent agenda and was seconded by Bill Blake. The MOTION carried.
- III. Correspondence:

The Board received a letter from director Mark Flory stating that he is resigning his position as director. A MOTION to accept his resignation with regrets was made by Bill Blake and seconded by Catherine Burkly. The MOTION carried.
- IV. Action & Discussion Items/ New Items:
 1. Suzanne went thru the list of the terms of the current directors. She determined who is remaining for another term and where we need to replace directors. She asked who was willing to sit on a nominating committee, Bill Blake and Kathy Nichols-Tomkins will work on that committee.
 2. Kathy distributed a set of documents with recommendations to update the website. They were created by Mary Barnhart and by Maureen Edsforth. Suzanne said that we should not rush into making a change and suggested to all directors to review these documents and bring their ideas to the committee needed to be form to work on this. Also that we need to work the update into a budget, because of that it may not be completed until 2017. Maureen Edsforth offered to work on a committee and Mary Barnhart offered to as well.
 3. Suzanne having looked at the proposal for the April Annual meeting suggested we may need to look for a location with a larger capacity. Suggestions made, were the Greenwich Elks Lodge, the Middle Falls Fire Dept. and the Christ the King Spiritual Life Center.
- V. Old Business:
 1. Suzanne reported that we have received 13 Resumes and letters of interest as a result of the local advertisement for the Managing Director Job opening. She read who the resumes were from. The committee plans to evaluate them and set up interviews for February 23 & 24th.
 2. Suzanne reported that the Greenwich Fire Dept. and the Middle Falls Fire Dept. are working on this year's Chili event the date has been set for March 30th at the Middle Falls Fire House.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 1. Executive –
 2. Budget /Audit – No report.
 3. Communications – No report.

4. Fundraising – Suzanne reported on the final numbers of the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade fundraising items. She said we did not make a profit. But the items are not dated and we will have stock for 2016.
Matt Ryan spoke of the possibility of doing a raffle with a Giveaway package to the Sagamore Resort off season. It will be further explored.
5. Health Insurance –
4. Membership – An application has been received from the Zusin Dental in Schuylerville, NY. Barb Hamel made a MOTION to accept the application from Zusin Dental seconded by Catherine Burkly and carried.
5. Halloween –
6. Networking – Kate Mohamed Ali reported on the first committee meeting held. The committee has scheduled a morning meeting on 2/26 at Trustco Bank on HSA's and IRA's. They are working at scheduling other dates at member businesses.
7. Tractor Parade – See above.
8. Whipple City Festival – Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 9th at 6:00 pm at the Chamber office. Christine reported that we are still in need of committee people – a fundraising chairperson would be good to have. The Parade theme is Fairy Tales. Kathy noted that 350 solicitation letters were sent out on Monday.
9. Chili Chow Down – We may need a few Chamber members to volunteer the evening of the event.
10. Nominating – See above.

Other:

Catherine Burkly asked what had come of the conversation last year with the Village about downtown beautification. Kathy said that she had met with 2 Village Trustees last fall who are on the Village committee. Catherine will get in touch with them to see where that stands.

Suzanne Becker reported that she & Kathy along with representatives from the Cambridge and the Salem Chamber plan to attend the February 17th Washington County Board of Supervisors meeting to make a presentation to them in support of their reinstating county wide tourism advertising. We work annually on promotion of the area as the Battenkill Valley with those two Chambers and feel we are being adversely affected by the county discontinuing the program, as well as many tourism related businesses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 by a MOTION made by Bill Blake and seconded Suzanne Becker. The MOTION carried.

The next meeting is on March 16, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Nichols-Tomkins
Secretary