

Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
6 Academy Street, Greenwich, NY
Board of Directors Meeting/August 16, 2017/ 6:30 PM

In attendance: Rebecca Winchell, Amie Collins, Christine Grogan, Suzanne Becker, Andy Kelly, Mary Barnhart, Heidi Rieger Clary, Anastasia Nute

CALL TO ORDER -

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Suzanne Becker introduced Rebecca Winchell from Trustco Bank who wants to join the Board.

MINUTES -

Suzanne Becker motioned to accept the July meeting minutes. Amie Collins seconded. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

We are still looking for a treasurer. We have money in the bank, bills are being paid on time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

New members – Be the Light, Roundhouse Bakery, RYP Properties.

Andy Kelly motioned, Christine Grogan seconded. All accepted.

Email is still an issue. Sweet Beet wants to upload a flash drive to the website (we have it in the office). Discussion ensued as the best way to do this, perhaps publish a YouTube link. Ask Mannix how to do this?

Regarding making changes on the website, create as a word document, then upload as a PDF.

Halloween Parade and Tractor Parade pages (website) need to be updated.

Stacey will be away 8/21 through 8/29. KNT will cover the office in her absence.

CORRESPONDENCE-

ACTION and/or DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW ITEMS-

We need to go over the information and packets on how we recruit new members. KNT would like to meet with some of the board members to look into this. Andy Kelly and Suzanne Becker will meet with KNT at noon, August 21 at GGCC for discussion. KNT can work on this while she is in the office, 8/21, 22, 24, 28.

Jessica's last day of work was June 1st. (Baby Isla born June 14). Looking at her return 1st or 2nd week of October.

Send an official letter (SB/ALN) confirming return date.

Mindy Hewitt has left the YMCA. Is it possible that if she is an employee and it is ok with YMCA that she could be on the Board? Or whoever is the new manager?

COMMITTEES-

Executive – will meet monthly when possible.

Networking – Mary Barnhart and Amie Collins met last week.

a. Betterbee will host a networking event, 9/13 Wednesday – with one owner and Amie. It would be a tour, no charge.

b. No twice a month events. MB and AC are looking at a day long workshop (maybe March?) – What businesses might need, internship hiring, pitfalls, what are the rules? Social networking, someone from Cornell Cooperative Extension interested in presenting. Suzanne Becker will talk with Sara Idleman re: speakers, topics. Amie will contact all members. Concentrating on holding events on months without a parade.

Suzanne Becker remarked to Rebecca Winchell re: WOMEN IN BUSINESS was instigated by Katie-Jo Mohammed Ali.

The Chamber worked it along with Katie-Jo. If Rebecca Winchell was to run it, the Chamber would support it. Regarding an event in March (day long workshop) discussion re: member rate, non-member rate. Amie will reach out to members, how much willing to pay? AARC has very good workshops. Stacey forward any emails from AARC to Amie Collins.

HEALTH INSURANCE-

One person aged out, we now have 16 active members.

HALLOWEEN PARADE-

October 29 at 1 pm.

Need volunteers for judging. (Heidi?)

Amie, Christine Grogan will create a letter asking for volunteer judges.

Suzanne will be the announcer.

TRACTOR PARADE-

Christine Grogan reported things are moving along. Stephanie Booth from Capital Tractor and Harry Booth will join the TP committee.

WHIPPLE CITY FESTIVAL-

Don't have all the final numbers, want to see it compared to 2016. Have to find new sources of revenue for the GGCC.

Meeting closed at 7:46 pm.