



Columbia Chamber of Commerce –Board Meeting Minutes – 4/1/09

Meeting called to order by Debra Rose at 7:08 held at the Columbia Hills Country Club.

- Roll Call:**
- [X] Debra Rose-President (09,10,11,12)
 - [X] Louren Price-Vice President (09,10)
 - [X] Patty Rolko -Treasurer (09,10,11)
 - [X] Lynne Cook- Secretary (09,10,11)
 - [X] Wayne Brassell – (09,10,11)
 - [X] Marnie Butler – (09,10,11,12)
 - [] Joe Desmont – (09,10)
 - [X] Ray Gurnick- (08,09,10)
 - [] Joe Mesko – (09,10,11)
 - [] Vi Seidel - (09,10,11,12)
 - [X] Jim Wright Sr. - (08,09,10)

Vi Seidel sent a proxy for Marnie Butler to use if the vote was needed.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3/4/09

Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made on the following board minutes for 3/4/09.

Marnie Butler made a motion, Patty Rolko 2nd motion to approve the 3/4/09 board meeting minutes. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained.

TREASURER REPORT:

□ **ACCOUNT BALANCES**

- **Main Account Balance - \$5075.91**
- **Homecoming Account Balance - \$11776.96**
- **Engine Show - \$806.26**

□ **PRESENT BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Patty presented the bills for Payment totalling \$866.88. It was during this that Ray Gurnick joined the meeting.

Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made on paying the bills. Lou Price made a motion, Lynne Cook 2nd motion to approve paying the bills. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

□ **COMMUNITY GUIDE- Mailing campaign**

The community guide is produced approximately every three years. Faye will call everyone after they see the mailer. Marnie will be calling members that have not rejoined and will ask them about joining and becoming a part of the community guide as well.

- **POLICIES**
Held over for another meeting
- **US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
Funds received from Commercial Traffic Co. for chamber to join US Chamber. This was complete on 4/1/09.
- **SWG-Delegates Meeting-4./20/09 @ 7:00pm**
 - **Chamber Delegates-**
Lynne Cook
 - **Homecoming Delegates-**
Lou Price

NEW BUSINESS

- **Joe Mesko-Board Member Review**
Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made on removing Joe Mesko from the Board due to absence.

Marnie Butler made a motion, Patty Rolko 2nd motion to approve removing Joe Mesko from the Board due to absence. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 7_Yes, _0 No, _1 abstained.

- **Newsletter Mailing**
Pepper's first newsletter was mailed on Friday. Some members have already received it.

A break for dinner was taken from 7:28PM to 7:54PM.

- **501(c) 4 INFORMATION**
Distribute to board IRS information for them to review-will be distributed next week at the Membership meeting.
- **Network Solutions**
Renewal notice for www.columbiatownship.com review cost and determine renewal status
 - 1yr-\$34.99, 2yrs-\$65.98, 3yrs-\$86.97, 5yrs-\$114.95

Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made on renewing the Columbia Township domain name with Network Solutions for five years. Marnie Butler made a motion, Lou Price 2nd motion to approve renewing the Columbia Township domain name with network Solutions for five years. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6_Yes, _0 No, _2 abstained.

- **OFEA Meeting 3/8/09**
Marnie & Debra attended. Hotel Cost - \$132.52, Luncheon \$10.00ea. x 2 people = \$20.00. Debra would like to be reimbursed for this expense, since it was a benefit for the Homecoming Festival and OFEA membership requirement to attend. Total expense \$152.52. Marnie and Debra brought back pamphlets and recommended we advertise in them in the future.

Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made reimbursing Marnie & Debra for the price of \$152.52. Lynne Cook made a motion, Lou Price 2nd motion to approve reimbursing Marnie & Debra for the price of \$152.52. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6_Yes, _0 No, _2 abstained.

It was however, mentioned that an eye would have to be kept on the budget for conventions even though Chambers are required to attend a certain number of functions, Columbia does not have a large budget for this.

- ❑ **Ohio Chamber Day at the Capital 5/12/09**
Please review and advise if we would like board members to attend? Cost is \$35.00 per person.
- ❑ **Bingo School-4/11/09**
This training is free, and addresses Ohio's charitable gaming laws. School is presented by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Held from 10:15-1:30pm in Columbus. Debra has signed up both Lou and herself to attend. This will be held on April 11th.
- ❑ **Grant Request from Foundation**
The homecoming committee is in need of a new safe dance floor. The floor that Debra located online through Craigslist, was purchased by Brunswick Old Fashion Days festival. This floor was the UltraDeck and was 30' x 30' / 960 sq ft. Debra has information on the same flooring, plus a lighter weight version made by EventDeck.com. The board needs to determine if we should send in application to Foundation for a grant to purchase this flooring new.
 - UltraDeck – 20' x 20' dance floor = \$1897.97
 - EventDeck – 20' x 20' dance floor = \$1369.97

The validity of actually asking the Foundation for a grant was discussed. It was felt that even though the dance floor was for the community that this was not what the grant money was intended for. Further discussion led to checking into a rental floor for this year and a possible purchase of a floor in the future. Patty was to review the budget to find funds from Homecoming with which to purchase a floor. It was suggested that Sound Source shouldn't be used and we could set up our own sound system. However, Debra said that would not be possible due to the insurance.

Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made withdrawing the request for a grant from the Foundation to purchase a new dance floor. Wayne Brassell made a motion, Ray Gurnick 2nd motion to approve withdrawing the request for a grant from the Foundation to purchase a new dance floor. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6_Yes, 2 No, 0 abstained.

- ❑ **Booth Request-Columbia Community Foundation**
The Foundation asked if the fee for a booth for a non-profit organization is waived. Everyone pays for their booths and Wayne Brassell was certain that the Foundation would pay for a booth the same as anyone else would, but they wanted to know if non-profit organizations were exempt.

COMMITTEES

- ❑ **BENEFITS-Ron Krisko update**
No update - COSE and NEO have not responded back to Ron according to his email today. Patty is going to ask Ron to check into Kaiser as an option for benefits.
- ❑ **ENGINE SHOW- 6/6-6/7/09**
Next Committee Meeting 4/19/09 @ 7:00pm Columbia Townhall
Car Show Meeting _4-20-09_
Cornhole Meeting _____
New Chair-Albert
Vice Chair-Debra
Homecoming Meeting 4-5-09
- ❑ **HOMECOMING FESTIVAL – 6/26, 6/27 & 6/28/09**
Next committee meeting 4/19/09 @ 7:00pm Columbia Townhall

❑ **WEBSITE**

Chambermaster with Network Solutions could launch on Monday. Wayne brought up getting some newer more updated pictures of Columbia for the website.

❑ **MEMBERSHIP**

Patty reported that there are 35 paid members and at least 4 members that are in trade. The bet between Lou and Wayne was for 70 new members by June 1st (Wayne said).

❑ **SCHOLARSHIP**

The money donated to the Kiwanis was given to the Chamber to be given as Scholarships. The Board agreed therefore that an additional amount for a Scholarship didn't need to be given to the Foundation since the Chamber was already represented in one of the Scholarships given by the Foundation.

Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made not spend additional monies on the Scholarship that will be presented by the Foundation. Lou Price made a motion, Marnie Butler 2nd motion to approve not spending additional monies on the Scholarship that will be presented by the Foundation. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6_Yes, _0 No, _1 abstained.

Additional conversation led to the agreement that someone from the Chamber should present the Scholarship each year.

Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made that a Chamber representative should present the Scholarship that is given by the Foundation in their name each year. Lou Price made a motion, Jim Wright 2nd motion to approve that a Chamber representative should present the Scholarship that is given by the Foundation in their name each year. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6_Yes, _0 No, _1 abstained.

❑ **AMBASSADORS**

Wayne Brassell reported that Dynamic Collision would be coming back.

❑ **JR AMBASSADORS**

Marnie will help with the Jr. Ambassador program.

❑ **ADVOCACY**

Ray had left by this point and there was no report.

❑ **MARKETING**

Marnie used Facebook at the cost of \$0 to advertise all the upcoming events. Lou & Wayne are to find a way to display sponsors' business cards with some kind of holder.

COMMENTS

Mothers Day – Discussion was held having a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at the VFW for \$6.00 per person.

Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made to hold a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at the VFW. Marnie Butler made a motion, Wayne Brassell 2nd motion to approve holding a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at the VFW. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6_Yes, _0 No, _1 abstained.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patty Rolko and Lynne Cook 2nd motion. Debra Rose called for a vote on the motion and Motion was carried by unanimous vote 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 abstained. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Debra J. Rose (Signature on file)

Debra J. Rose/President

Lynne Cook (Signature on file)

Lynne Cook/Secretary

Date Accepted: 5/6/09