

MINUTES
WINKLER & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, April 21, 2009, 12:10 p.m.
Smitty's Family Restaurant

PRESENT: Betty Hiebert, Brenda Storey, Herb Franz, Mark Bennett, Justin Schinkel, Eugen Klassen, James Friesen, Lloyd Thiessen, Vern Reimer, Dianne Friesen

A. MINUTES OF February 17, 2009 Meeting (as circulated)

M/S...Eugen Klassen/Mark Bennett...that the minutes from the February 17, 2009 Board be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

B. NEW BUSINESS:

i) Gala Dinner & P.W. Enns Business Achievement Awards Update

- There were 240 people in attendance at the banquet.
- Recipients of the Achievement Awards were: Meridian Manufacturing Group – Business Excellence Award; Grandeur Housing Ltd – Business Builder Award for 10 or more; Valley Bowling Lanes – Business Builder Award for less than 10 employees.
- RBC made donation to Bethel Heritage Park.

ii) Maximum Impact Simulcast

- Registration cost is \$149.00/person or \$129.00 for a group of 5 or more.
- Date is May 8, 2009 at Emmanuel Menn. Church.
- Chamber is doing accounting & ticket sales for event.

iii) Members Appreciation Bar-B-Q

- Date is May 27 in the South Parking Lot of City Hall.
- From 11:30 – 1:30

iv) Annual Golf Tournament

- Date chosen is June 16.
- Same format as last year – Shotgun Start at 1:00
- Cost is \$70 for golf & supper.
- WBS Construction and Golden West Broadcasting are sponsors.
- June 9 is registration deadline.

v) Age Friendly Lunch

- Manitoba Chambers of Commerce invited us to host a lunch, which was an initiative of the Province of Manitoba.

- 21 people attended.
- Purpose of this was to look at how we can get mature/retired people back into the workforce.
- Website – www.Manitoba.ca/agefriendly

C. CHAMBER REPORTS:

i) City of Winkler – Lloyd Thiessen

- Operating budget has been set.
- Fire hall project is at beginning stage.
- The Police service is hiring a community liaison officer to work with the GVSD and RM of Stanley.
- Bethel Heritage Park has had their sod turning ceremony.
- City is working with counterparts on regional issues.
- Mayor has been invited to give presentation on Immigration in Winkler to the Executive Council of Canada.

ii) Economic Development – Lloyd Thiessen

- WCDC is looking into relinquishing the lease on the transition house.
- Incubator Mall is fully occupied.
- City is committed to hiring an Economic Development Officer through the WCDC.
- Pursuing the possibility of redevelopment of a Seniors Complex on 6th St.

D. OTHER:

- i) Because of golf tournament being on the next day of board meeting, June 16, it was decided to cancel the June meeting.

E. NEXT MEETING: September 15, 2009 at Smitty's

F. ADJOURNMENT: 1:01 pm