

MINUTES
WINKLER & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, January 19, 2010, 12:10 p.m.
Smitty's Family Restaurant

PRESENT: Betty Hiebert, Justin Schinkel, Chris Sumner, Vern Reimer, Brenda Storey, Isabel Bright, Eugen Klassen, Greg Archibald, Herb Franz, Dianne Friesen

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

M/S...Isabel Bright, Greg Archibald...that the minutes from the November 17, 2009 meeting be approved as circulated
CARRIED

B. NEW BUSINESS:

i) Chamber Annual General Meeting

- AGM is on February 24, 2010 at the Heartland Inn.
- Tickets are \$22.00

ii) Economic Development Officer hired

- Darlis Collinge has been hired as the City of Winkler/RM of Stanley Executive Development Officer.
- Her start date is February 2.

iii) AGM Gala Banquet

- Gala Banquet is set for April 15, 2010 at the Heartland Inn.
- Guest speaker is Chris Goertzen, Mayor of Steinbach

iv) Executive Director Report

- Strategic plan has been developed.
- Mission statement has been revised
- Continuing with ongoing membership drive.
- Continuing to work on BR+E recommendations.
- Working together with the Apprenticeship Board on development of apprenticeship trades.

C. CHAMBER REPORTS:

i) Education – Vern Reimer

- Vern highlighted the philosophy of the GVSD.
- GVSD is building a program that will work for the whole community.
- Growth in the division did not happen as projected.
- Attached to minutes is PowerPoint.

ii) Continuing Education – Isabelle Bright

- Red River College Winkler Campus continues to manage the RRC Winkler Community Learning Centre.
- There has been tremendous growth in full time students.
- Dental Assistant program grew hugely.
- DAWN program helped to bring many students to the College that may not have attended otherwise.
- RRC is a degree granting institution.
- They are addressing the needs of trades' people.
- They are planning on doing a formal needs assessment.

D. OTHER:

E. NEXT MEETING: February 16, 2010

F. ADJOURNMENT: 1:02 pm