

MINUTES
WINKLER & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, June 15, 2010, 12:10 p.m.
Smitty's Family Restaurant

PRESENT: Chris Sumner, Betty Hiebert, Vern Reimer, Greg Archibald, Eugen Klassen, James Friesen, Lloyd Thiessen, Dianne Friesen

A. MINUTES OF April 20, 2010 Meeting (as circulated)

M/S...Eugen Klassen, James Friesen...that the minutes from the April 20, 2010 meeting be accepted as circulated

CARRIED

B. NEW BUSINESS:

i) By-Law Revisions

- The Executive is currently reviewing the by-laws and making changes. The last revision was done in 2005.
- Discussed briefly how we can have more people attending the board meeting. A suggestion was made to put the Board meeting dates on Pembina Valley Online events page.

ii) Winkler Welcomes You Program

- Betty reported having spoken to Joyce Bergen, hostess for program. She is having trouble getting the names of newcomers/newlyweds/babies in this area to make visitations to on behalf of the program, as a result of the Privacy Act.
- The Board was encouraged to call the office if they know of any individuals that would fit the criteria.
- We will put an article in the Winkler Times.

iii) BR+E Project

- We will be starting Phase 3 in the fall.
- Goal is to visit 100 businesses.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with the visitations.

iv) Bar-B-Q Update

- Bar-B-Q was on May 26th and about 175 people were served.
- Thank you to all those who attended.

v) Third Quarter

- Third Quarter Project was launched on May 26th at the Bar-B-Q.
- George Penner has been hired as the project coordinator.
- Project is for those 50+ who have retired and are looking for employment. There is a website to go to to register as a business or as an individual.

vi) Meeting with Apprenticeship Board

- Ken Czernicki from Prior Learning and Recognition department of the Apprenticeship Branch was in Winkler on June 9 to meet with apprentices and Employers.
- He will be returning in October.
- On June 23 two individuals from the Apprenticeship Branch will be in Winkler to meet one-on one with individuals in the electrical trades.
- A meeting has been held with Red River College and EDO's to discuss pre-employment. Harv & Ann from Red River Tech have been involved in these discussions as well.

C. CHAMBER REPORTS:

i) Health Report – James Friesen

- Eden Health Care is an acute care facility.
- It is represented by 9 Mennonite Church Conferences.
- It has a very close relationship with RHA, who is the primary funder.
- Pathways Community Mental Health Services is the community services program operating from offices in downtown Winkler's ALG Professional Building.
- Segue Career Options supports individuals dealing with significant mental health issues. They work with them to overcome employment barriers.
- Recovery of Hope is a Professional Counseling Service with satellite offices in Winnipeg and five rural communities.
- The purpose of the programs of Eden Health Care services is "to actively engage people of faith in sharing Christ's hope and healing wherever mental health needs are found."

D. OTHER:

E. NEXT MEETING: September 21, 2010

F. ADJOURNMENT: