

**Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Minutes – February 22, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Pam Bialas, Gary Bonick, Chris Christensen, Dawn Gilman, Jennifer Hall, Matt Horist, Randy Leggee, Doug McAllister, Scott McKeever, Kelly Roewer, Catie Schmit, Randy Smith, Tim Urban, Mike Wheeland and staff members Mary Margaret Maule, Alli Magit, Sharon Repplinger, Jackie Ruiz, Donna Sather and Deb Wallenfang.

**ABSENT:** Trent Gordon, Dave Hubbard, Penny Hughes, Mary Miller and Andrew Szocka.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Randy Leggee called the meeting to order and welcomed Jennifer Hall to the Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Doug McAllister moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dawn Gilman seconded the motion and all approved.

**FINANCE:** Mary Margaret reviewed the February financials and reported the Chamber is exceeding revenue for the year. The EXPO income is a timing issue and Monday Night Football Books missed their budget. Changes on the MNF Books for next year were discussed at the Finance meeting. Matt Horist made a motion to approve the February Financials as presented. Pam Bialas seconded the motion and all approved.

**CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE:** Heather reported Steinhafels opened with the largest soft opening they have ever had with over 6,000 people attending over the course of 5 days. Smoothology opened in Downtown, Aroma Wine & Coffee has opened. The City has been aggressively working with employers, McHenry County Workforce Development and the IL Department of Security to help ease concerns and fill positions in the Crystal Lake area so that businesses will see the value of doing business in Crystal Lake. Camfil is expanding with 6 new products lines and 100 new jobs. Their grand opening will be in June. Road Construction projects are coming in the spring and the City Engineer will give a presentation of the projects at the next Board Meeting. We will also add the information to our new CommunityLynk. The Colonial space is under contract and they are looking at tearing down the building and creating two new units. They will need permission from all parties involved to proceed with that plan.

**OTHER DIVISION REPORTS:** None

**MEMBERSHIP:** Alli Magit reported there were 6 drops and 6 new members to end the month at 957 with a 93.85% retention rate. Randy read the new member list. Jennifer Hall moved to approve the Membership Report as presented. Matt Horist seconded the motion and all approved.

**CHAIRMAN REPORT:** Randy Leggee thanked Robert Zalud for his service on the Board and congratulated him on his Judgeship. Randy reported that Mary Margaret has resigned. The Search Committee has been appointed and consists of Chris Christensen, Randy Leggee, Mary Miller, Matt Horist, Doug McAllister, Mike Wheeland, Gary Bonick and Kim Martens. They have been working to fill the position and have set the deadline of February 28<sup>th</sup> to receive applications. Two applications have been received to date and the Search Committee will meet on March 1<sup>st</sup> to review and start interviewing applicants. Any questions should be referred to Randy Leggee. The Chamber Board has two openings and it has been decided to discuss filling the positions after the new President is in place. Randy thanked Mary Margaret for her 5 years of dedication to the Chamber and presented her with a CL Chamber crystal paperweight.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mary Margaret stated Leaders in Action Explore is underway and asked everyone to consider sending someone to LIA Discover and Masters. Randy Smith and Mary Margaret will be presenting. Eleven Blue Star Banners will be going up in March. The program is always looking for sponsors for the program. The banners cost \$188 each. District 155 is moving ahead with the Workforce Development Foundation. Randy Smith and Mary Margaret stated this is a regional problem and the Chamber should continue to champion this program. The District 155

Internship program is underway. We have historically helped place 60 students. Steve Cerkovich, a former Ambassador, has passed away. The Ambassadors will award a plaque for the bench at the Chamber. Robyn Ostrem is moving to Florida. The Government Affairs committee sent out an appeal to members to contact their legislators to oppose the \$15 Minimum Wage. Mary Margaret has asked to continue to sit on the Government Affairs Committee and will send the video link of the IL Chamber of Commerce 2 Minute Drill to the Board and Government Affairs Committee.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** None

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Donna Sather reviewed upcoming events.

**HEARD AROUND TOWN:**

- Pioneer Center Job Fair is Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>
- BBBS Bowl for Kids' Sake is Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Chris Christensen thanked Mary Margaret for her tireless leadership.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Doug McAllister and seconded by Kelly Roewer.