

**Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Minutes – May 25, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Pamela Bialas, Leslie Blake, Gary Bonick, Chris Christensen, Sue Dobbe-Leahy, Rik Fregia, Dawn Gilman, Matt Horist, Penny Hughes, Jennifer Johnson, Jamie Maravich, Doug McAllister, Mary Miller, Robyn Ostrem, Kelly Roewer, Randy Smith and staff members Mary Margaret Maule, Alli Magit, Sharon Repplinger and Jackie Ruiz

**ABSENT:** Trent Gordon, Rebecca Heisler, Randy Leggee, Andrew Szocka and Robert Zalud

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chris Christensen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE:** Heather Maieritsch reported Mariano's opened May 1<sup>st</sup>, Urban Air Adventure Park opened, and Plum Garden opened and will hold their ribbon cutting in June. Heather attended the ICSC Recon event in Las Vegas. There were about 110 different retailers represented and she had some great meetings. She stated traffic should level off at Mariano's in about three to six months.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Jamie Maravich moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Sue Dobbe-Leahy seconded the motion and all approved.

**FINANCE:** Mary Miller presented the Proposed Budget for 2018/2019 for review to be voted on at the June meeting. She reviewed the changes in financial reporting for Non-Profits and stated we will need a Reserve Policy. She is working on the policy with Mary Margaret and will send it out to the Board for review to be voted on at the June meeting. Jennifer Johnson moved to approve the April Financial Report as presented. Leslie Blake seconded the motion and all approved.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Alli Magit reported there were 6 new members and 10 drops ending the month at 930. The retention rate is at 87.38%. Chris Christensen read the new member list. Sue Dobbe-Leahy moved to approve the Membership Report as presented. Dawn Gilman seconded the motion and all approved.

**OTHER DIVISION REPORTS:** None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mary Margaret said the Annual Dinner went off seamlessly and was well attended. Mary Margaret reported she attended a meeting with Randy Smith, District 155 and several major employers on starting a Workforce Development Board and to collaborate with the Chamber and colleges in the area. MCC has this as one of the key components of their strategic planning as well. If you have an interest in joining in this please contact Mary Margaret. We are in the process of hiring a new receptionist and will be moving this to a part time position. We have re-distributed some of the work among the rest of the team. In the interim, Morgan Kay, our intern from last year will help out at the front desk until June 1<sup>st</sup>. We are interviewing and working with Working World on the receptionist position. The Parade is off and moving. We have started planning on the Small Business Boot Camp and will partner with MCC for some of the training. JB Pritzker will be in town on June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with local businesses on Williams Street. The original event was cancelled due to a death in the Pritzker family circle. A few people showed up to the cancelled event who didn't get the email. We did have a group who called for a boycott of the Chamber and to boycott businesses who attended the Pritzker event. It did not materialize. The Pritzker campaign has agreed to come back at another time. Candidate Sean Casten who is running against Congressman Roskam has agreed to a Candidate Forum on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We are working with Lauren Underwood and Congressman Hultgren on dates. Candidates running for Attorney General and Governor have agreed to meet. We will have more information next month on dates and times.

**CHAIRMAN REPORT:** Chris Christensen stated the Annual Dinner was fabulous and congratulated the award winners from the Board. They were Mary Miller, Presidential award; Rik Fregia, Covey Award; and Matt Horist, Presidential Award.

Chris Christensen presented the results of the Elected Directors as Dawn Gilman, Crystal Lake Engraving; Trent Gordon, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital; Randy Leggee, Interiors for Business and Randy Smith, General Kinematics Corp.

The Appointed Directors were presented as follows: Chris Christensen, Neis Insurance Agency; Scott McKeever, Weyers McKeever Financial Partners; Robyn Ostrem, Sage YMCS; Mike Wheeland, All Over Media; Leslie Blake, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Dave Hubbard, Exemplar Financial Network. Penny Hughes moved to accept the Appointed Directors as presented. Sue Dobbe-Leahy seconded the motion and all approved.

The Slate of Officers was presented as follows: Chair- Randy Leggee, Interiors for Business; Vice Chair – Matt Horist, American Community Bank; Treasurer – Mary Miller, Miller Verchota, Inc. and Past Chair – Chris Christensen, Neis Insurance Agency. Doug McAllister moved to accept the Slate of Officers as presented. Pam Bialas seconded the motion and all approved.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** Jamie Maravich resigned from the Board and was presented with a crystal paperweight for her many years of service. She stated Suha Hossain has expressed an interest in the position. Sue Dobbe-Leahy's term ends in June and she stated this would be her last meeting. She was also presented with a crystal paperweight for her many years of service. Jennifer Johnson's 8 year term will end in June. Chris Christensen was presented with a commemorative gavel for his service as the Chairman of the Board as this will be his last Board meeting as the Chair. He thanked the staff for a great year and all their hard work under the leadership of Mary Margaret.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Jackie Ruiz reviewed upcoming events.

**HEARD AROUND TOWN:**

- Crystal Lake Farmers Market starts June 2nd
- Crystal Lake Yacht Club is being re-launched - originally established in 1940
- Diana Kenney has been named the Grand Marshal for the Independence Day Parade
- Patriot 5K Run is on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed.
- Independence Day Parade is on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and Parade Marshals are needed.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Sue Dobbe-Leahy and seconded by Jennifer Johnson