

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2007

Attendees

Nancy P. Smith, Candy Retka, Wendy Wulff, Jon Koznick, Adam Kienberger, Roz Peterson, Robert Joswiak, Tom Barnard, Chris Pommerenke, Mark Hotzler, Crystal Munstermann, Mike Jetchick, Judy Tschumper.

Introductions - Nancy P. Smith

Crystal Munstermann, employed by Metro Equity Management, was welcomed to the meeting. Mark Hotzler, owner of Metro Equity, has moved his office to Lakeville Mall and Crystal will become involved in the DLBA. Members introduced themselves to Crystal.

Events Update - Judy Tschumper

The Lakeville Landscape & Home Expo, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, is Saturday, April 14th at Lakeville North high school. Volunteers are needed to work the DLBA booth. The Ironman Bike Ride is Sunday, April 29th and the DLBA is in charge of producing the Ironman commemorative pins and will be selling them at the event. Work is beginning on finding entertainment for five Wednesdays on Main; the DLBA will again partner with the Lakeville Teen Corporation in hosting the Battle of the Bands that will be held during the Pan-O-Prog celebration on Thursday, July 5th. The Teen Corp will also sponsor a Movie Under the Stars following the Battle of the Bands event. The Harvest Festival will again be held in September and the Kemp's Moo Mobile has been confirmed.

Cell Phone Donations to Community Action Council - Nancy P. Smith/Judy Tschumper/Chris Pommerenke

Nancy announced that as a follow up to the Denise Brown presentation as part of Community Action Council's domestic abuse luncheon, the DLBA is sponsoring a campaign in April and May to seek donations of cell phones, any and all hand carried wireless communication devices.

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Cell Phone Donations (cont'd)

As part of their community service project, Junior Girl Scout Troop 24102 will coordinate the pick up and delivery of the devices to CAC. Drop off locations are Mainstreet Coffee Café, Erickson Drug Store and Wells Fargo Bank. Judy stated that news releases have been sent to four newspapers, the school district, city and information placed on the DLBA web site. Chris shared with members that the phones are given to women at the B. Robert Lewis House(s) who then have the capability of calling 911 when in need.

City of Lakeville Update - Adam Kienberger, Mark Hotzler, Wendy Wulff

Kienberger

Adam showed the plans and building materials for Holly Hewitt's (Holly's Centre Stage Dance Studio) three story project that was approved by the Planning Commission on March 15th. The plan is tentatively scheduled for City Council consideration on April 2nd. A meeting for Central Business District residents and

businesses was held on Tuesday, March 13th. The open house was one of many meetings held in preparing the 2008 Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update. The city has a new newsletter - *Lakeville Business News*. Previously the newsletter focused mainly on Airlake Industrial Park but now will cover the entire business community. The Community & Economic Development Department announced its newly revamped webpage created especially for businesses which can be found at www.lakevillebusiness.com. The Cub Foods project proposed for Heritage Commons was approved by the City Council on February 20th. Dance Works and Health Works have opened their business at Glacier & Dodd. Projects

under construction include New Horizon Day Care, Minnesota Mental Health, Fairview Clinic, and Stonebridge - fifty single family housing units.

Hotzler

Mark provided an update on the construction of Total Hockey. The steel beams are being installed (ahead of schedule) and opening of the facility is expected sometime between mid-April to May 1. Mark also stated that the name of Enggren's Mall will change to Holyoke Plaza.

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City of Lakeville Update (cont'd)

Wulff

Wendy shared with members that Lifetime Fitness has eliminated the racquetball courts at the Lakeville facility. The space originally designated for racquetball will now house a teen center. Racquetball is available at the Blooming and Savage locations. The Burnsville facility will close. City staff is working on allocating ice time for the new ice arena.

Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce Update - Candy Retka

The Ambassadors are in the process of delivering the new 2007 membership directories to all its members.

ISD 194 Update - Roz Peterson

Roz reported that the district has been working with District 191 on an integration program. District 191 is racially isolated and there is a learning gap with children of color. A committee of representatives from both districts was formed to create an integration plan. Lakeville's portion of the program will cost \$300,000 (mandated) with \$170,000 used for staff and the balance for programming. The school board will be voting on this at its March 27th meeting.

All day kindergarten in the district has been approved which will be self funded. Parents can choose between Kindergarten Plus, paying tuition for all day kindergarten, enroll in the regular half-day kindergarten or choose another tuition program called Kinder Zone, a half day program that offers additional activities before and after class. The board approved open enrollment on an availability basis with students providing their own transportation. The board has approved accepting advertising within school property from businesses to help fund the cost of senior high graduations held at the Target Center. The advertising is on a case by case basis and Lonnie Smith can be contacted at the district for additional information. The board approved the budget on March 13th, an 8 percent cut.

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Lakeville Area Arts Center Update - Tom Barnard

Upcoming events: Evita, presented by the Chameleon Theatre, the weekends of March

16-17, 23-25, 30-31 and April 1st; April in Paris, The Grand Band, on April 7th; Instrument of

Bliss (value of music in your life) on April 14th; James Moors, guitarist/song writer (coffee house type setting) on April 21st; Dakota Valley Symphony, In a Mostly Mozart Mood, April 28 & 29; Now and Then Singers, May 5 and Taste of Lakeville on May 24th.

News from Downtown Businesses

Hotzler

The Juniper building has been leased; both floors will house a bridal shop.

The parking lot between the Enggren and Lakeville malls has been filled with employees using the parking lot. Metro Equity Management will be posting the lot noting "Customer Parking Only". Employees need to be more cognizant of keeping the lot available for customers and cars will be towed.

Pommerenke

Community Action Council has received 14,000 lbs. of food from Lakeville South high school students who conducted the drive during Minnesota Food Share month.

Other Business - Nancy Smith/Judy Tschumper

Tschumper

It was reported to staff that the clock tower had not been adjusted for daylight savings time. Representatives at the city and CDA were contacted. Instead of manually changing the time and fearing problems of such, the clock will automatically adjust to the correct time on April 2nd. Staff is meeting with an owner of Total Hockey on March 23rd to discuss partnership opportunities at the hockey facility to promote downtown businesses. The DLBA office will be closed from April 2nd through April 13th; in the event of a critical matter contact Nancy via her cell phone 612/730-5950 or e-mail at gregnancy@frontiernet.net

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Other Business (cont'd)

Smith: Our next meeting will be Monday, April 16th at **10:00 a.m.** in the conference room of the Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce, Lakeville Mall. In an effort to better accommodate retail businesses, a different time of day is being tried. It is hoped that this time will better suit the needs of retailers but recognizing that it's difficult to find a time that will work for everyone.



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