



DOWNTOWN LAKEVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2007

Attendees

Nancy P. Smith, Tom Barnard, Jim Isaacson, Chris Pommerenke, Larry Werner, Candy Retka, Roz Peterson, Adam Kienberger, Robert Joswiak, Patty Gruber, Brandon Lichty, Stephanie Hotzler, Todd Bornhauser; Mike Jetchick, Judy Tschumper and Robert Erickson.

Facilitator – President Nancy P. Smith

Introductions

Patty Gruber, owner of Kazolly's Sweet Shop, with her husband, John, was welcomed to the membership. Patty explained that the name of their business is derived from her children's names, Zack and Holly. This is their first business venture and since opening on December 1st have done extremely well. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; closed on Sunday. During the Christmas holiday the store will be closed from Sunday, December 23rd through Wednesday, December 26th.

City of Lakeville Update – Adam Kienberger

The City Council, on the evening of December 17th, will be approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and the 2008-2010 Strategic Plan for Economic Development. Family Health Medical Clinic opened on December 3rd at County Road 70 and Jacquard. At the same location, Train America is under construction and should be opening within the next month; they will have five to six sports venues within the facility. The new Mexican El Tequila restaurant will be located on County Road 70 near the McStop.

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Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce – Todd Bornhauser

The December luncheon will be held Thursday, December 20th at Enjoy restaurant in Apple Valley. Entertainment will be provided by the Now and Then Singers. Applications are being sought for Business Person of the Year. The award will be presented at the annual dinner scheduled for Monday, January 28th, 6:00 p.m., at Crystal Lake Golf Club. Business Brew is scheduled for January 2nd at Dick's Sanitation; Business After Hours, January 17th at Rudy's Red Eye Grill. Staff is busy working on end of the year activities including the annual report. Membership increased in 2007 by 105 new members making the total membership just over 500. The chamber's conference room is available to members at no charge and is equipped with up to date technology. Evening meetings can be arranged by contacting Todd.

Lakeville Area Arts Center Update – Tom Barnard

Holiday on Main was very successful and the groups performing at the Arts Center were very manageable. The Applause Theater is presenting *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* with the last performances scheduled for December 22nd and 23rd. Upcoming January events include: InPulse, a 4-member A Capella group on January 12th; Dakota Valley Symphony concert and fundraiser on January 19th and Comedy night on January 26th.

ISD 194 Update – Roz Peterson

The district has received a clean audit. The board has approved an Anti-Bullying policy that extends to internet use and includes off site use. The board has also revised their Background Checks policy. Although not required by law the district has such policy in place. The background criminal reports must be received and reviewed before a position will be filled. The certification of the 2007 payable 2008 Tax Levy will result in a 4.7 percent increase or \$57.00 on a \$300,000 home and a 3.5 percent increase for commercial property. Student enrollment continues to grow with the following statistics by grade: K-5 – 4,856, 6-8 – 2,721 and 9-12 – 3,514 for a total of 111,106 students with an increase of 162 students from 2006.

On a personal note, Roz is pursuing the idea of developing a Skate Board Park and asked the DLBA membership if they had interest in supporting such a project. The Park would be a great amenity to the community and to skateboarders. The suggested location would be on school district or city park property. Larry Werner volunteered to be involved and serve as the liaison from the DLBA. The membership strongly supports a downtown location.

Dakota County Heritage Library – Candy Retka

Murray Wilson was appointed Outstanding Chamber Ambassador for the quarter.

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News from Downtown Businesses

Chris Pommerenke announced that Laurie Rieb has been hired by the Community Action Council to serve in the development area.

Candy Retka reported that the expansion of Discovery Financial Centers is now completed. Integra Health's expansion continues.

Larry Werner stated that Kris Aunan will be opening a new retail business in his building known as Fairfield Trading Company in the former Whimsy/Red Hat Boutique space. In the back of the same building, Kingsway Chiropractic is open and will be adding massage services to their business.

Brandon Lichty reported that Tracy Hummelgard's expansion is on track. The construction should be finished by the second week of January and an opening anticipated in early February. Brandon also said that they have several prospects for space in Holyoke Plaza.

Other Business

a. Holiday on Main - President Smith presented a slide show from the Holiday on Main event. A written report on the event was handed out to members and attached hereto. Discussion ensued regarding changes for 2008 at the Arts Center and the Lakeville Mall. Ideas were suggested and will be taken under consideration by the Executive Board. The idea of having trees along Holyoke Avenue and Pioneer Park Plaza lighted for the holidays was also discussed. DLBA staff will contact city staff to pursue this initiative for 2008.

b. 2008 Pan-O-Prog Event – Judy Tschumper announced that the parade in 2008 will be held on Saturday, July 12th at 5:30 p.m. The Pan-O-Prog Committee wanted the retailers to be aware of this change and the hope that this would not negatively impact businesses.

Highview Hills Senior Care Facility

Bob Erickson, consultant to Welsh Companies CEO gave a presentation on a residential project being proposed on 202nd Street, west St. John's Church and across from Aronson Park. This concept is a 3-story, 154 unit Senior Care facility with brick and hardy plank materials and underground heated parking. There will be 88 units of Independent Living, 32 units of Assisted Living, 24 units of Memory Care and 10 Care suites. The facility will employ 40-50 full time employees (RN's, Nursing Assistants, Directors, Marketing staff, etc.) with an annual payroll of \$2 million. This unique concept will be the first in Lakeville that will allow residents to stay in the community as they transition from an independent living status to one of needing medical care.

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Highview Hills Senior Care Facility (cont'd)

Construction is planned for spring of 2008 ending in spring of 2009 with the expectation that it will take 24 months to fill the facility. The \$30 million project will include congregate dining with a chef on staff, a bistro, fitness center, salon, theater, bank ATM, library and a 12-15 passenger van. The developers have had meetings with the neighborhood and the city with all entities supporting the project. \$250,000 in taxes is expected to be generated from this facility.

Mr. Erickson said he needed to work hard to convince the Welsh executives to select the site near downtown over the other three sites in Lakeville. The location of Cub Foods, the Senior Center and the Arts Center in close proximity helped seal the deal for this site.

Members of the DLB expressed their support and excitement for this facility

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 6:00 P.M. – LOCATION PENDING.