

CEDC Meeting Minutes

For July 12, 2018 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with Members Ray Cloutier, Norm Davis, Deb Ouellette, Cyndi Robbins, Jay Kiel, and Stan Tetenman present. Member Bill Eldridge absent without notice.

Guest acknowledgements

Guests present Matt Garside, Joe Cimino, Jimmy Walker, and Marcel Gagne.

Approve minutes

Norm Davis moved to accept the meeting minutes from the June 14, 2018 meeting. Cyndi Robbins seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 6-yes 0-no Member Stan Tetenman abstained from the vote.

Cyndi Robbins spoke to Bill Eldridge at Heritage Days about giving a letter asking to be made an alternate member. Sarah Merrill will follow up to see if a letter has been received yet.

Review Financials – Matt Garside

Went over the financials in the new format. The conversation was tied in with Invoices and Landscaping. Members would like a line item of the financials for the past year. Cyndi Robbins motioned to accept the financials for June. Ray Cloutier seconded the motion. Vote: 7-yes 0-no

NEW BUSINESS

Invoices

Copies of the invoices paid in June 2018 were in the packet. This conversation was part of reviewing the financials.

Cooperative Development Institute – Matt Garside

Guest marcel Gagne spoke about what the Cooperative Development Institute does and gave handouts. Mr. Gagne talked about helping businesses become employee owned, about helping mobile home park residents gain ownership of the park and create a board, and about helping create cooperative food systems.

Cyndi Robbins suggested Mr. Gagne be a speaker at the next Business After Hours.

Electric Vehicle “Ride & Drive” July 19, 2018 from 5:00 pm– 7:00 pm @ Ricker Library – Matt Garside

It will be a social, car club, informational type event. Matt will follow up on getting this as a press release.

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Fall Event/ Poland Days Subcommittee

This is a good idea, but we need to know what the mission is. Is it about awareness of Poland? Cyndi Robbins said that Heritage Days is changing next year. It needs to be moved to later in the season because there are too many other events happening at the same time. The Members agree it's a good idea to make Heritage Day a community event separate from the Inn. Create a subcommittee to work on creating this event for next year. Cyndi Robbins, Jay Kiel, Deb Ouellette, and Ray Cloutier have agreed to be on this subcommittee and their first meeting will be Monday July 23, 2018 6:30pm at Cyndi's Dockside.

Quarterly Business

Northeast Bank has been chosen as the business of the quarter.

OLD BUSINESS

Landscape

This conversation was part of reviewing the financials.

The Members are not happy with the plantings at the signs. There don't seem to be many plants there for the money. Members would like to see more color and height. Also, there is the issue of who is going to water and weed. We've been in a drought and someone needs to water these plants especially since they were recently planted. Cyndi Robbins authorized the landscaping company to water them.

It was suggested that Carl or someone from Public Works could do the watering and weeding. Matt Garside said that without talking with these people he wouldn't volunteer them because they already have busy schedules.

It was decided to get a few quotes from various companies about how much this would cost. Deb Ouellette will call Donna's Greenhouse and Cyndi Robbins is waiting to hear back from the landscape company about what their quote is.

Cyndi Robbins has joined the Board of the LA Chamber which has taken over the eco development piece. She joined to connect CEDC to them. It could lead to finding the right consultant to help us bring in business to Poland.

OPEN ISSUES / OTHER ISSUES

Member binders

Want to create business directory to put on the website for business to access resources and information that may be beneficial to them. Ex- Cooperative Development Institute.

Think about having a business resource night where businesses can talk with agencies that have resources and information for them.

Need accurate information on the businesses in town with names, contact info, links etc. on to be put on the website. Sarah Merrill is working on creating an updated list with contact info.

Banners

Lively discussion about generic v. custom banners. Get the good double brackets and order generic banners for now. Can order custom banners later.

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Kiosk
Welcome kit
Water to Shaker Hill

ADJOURNMENT

Ray Cloutier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Deb Ouellette seconded the motion.
Vote: 7-yes 0-no.

Recorded by: Sarah Merrill