



BARAGA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Our mission is to grow, enhance, and support a vibrant business climate through leadership, professional development, and community involvement.

*Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - 8:30 AM
Chamber of Commerce Conference Room*

Call Meeting to Order - President Debbie Stouffer called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM.

BCCC Mission Statement - The mission statement was read by Nathan Grave.

Roll Call -

- Board Present: Debbie Stouffer, Nathan Grave, Trevor Juntunen, Chelsea Klobucher, Burt Mason, Jamie Smith, Dan Mares.
- Staff Present: Mary Mervar, Dianne Koskinen.
- Board Absent: Nicole Acciacca (excused), Carla Engle (excused), Annie Fish (excused), Megan Haataja, Mary Stafford, Jacob Ostermeyer.

Guests and Visitors - Ava Borgen, Cielle Waters-Umfleet.

Consent Agenda -

- Agenda 2/14/24, Minutes 1/10/24.
Discussion: None.
Action: Motion to approve the consent agenda by Burt Mason, supported by Trevor Juntunen. All in favor.

Finance Report -

- Main Account
1/1/24 \$32,325.00, 1/31/24 \$29,752.34.
- NextGen Account
1/1/24 \$11,756.10, 1/31/24 \$15,509.50.
Discussion: There is a little work to do with the year end financials.
Action: Motion to approve the Finance Report by Burt Mason, supported by Chelsea Klobucher. All in favor.

Support Staff Report -

- Iron County business grants - table for March.
- Baraga Bucks promotional strategies - table for March.
- Difficulty for patrons in finding office location - discussion about signs, Jamie and Dan will bring ideas to the next meeting.
- Documents to share: Lunch & Learn flyer 2/21/24, .

Action Items - none.

Discussion Items -

- (a) SBAM dues - dues are increasing, continue membership.
- (b) Word from the Chamber - Cielle will write it for February's newsletter.
- (c) BOD gallery photos - submit your photo or have Dianne take your photo today or tomorrow.
- (d) Community Investment Strategy - committee meeting raised two areas to pursue: 1)children's indoor recreation place, and 2)republicize SPARK.
- (e) L'Anse Area Community Development Corporation - partnership with WUPDR is moving ahead due to grant approval. Burt gave synopsis and ideas he learned about building and the Newaygo County effort.
- (f) Audit/financial review - Find someone to do a casual review of bank statements and Quickbooks. Maybe Karissa Mukka, Dan will ask her. This will be an action item at the March meeting..

Board Training - None.

Committees Updates -

- Next Gen: Old Timers Hockey Tournament will be held on 2/17/24 & 2/18/24. Five teams registered. April 6 is the Easter Egg hunt.
- PLAN: see notes in board packet.
- Membership: Next meeting numbers will be presented.
- Housing Taskforce: See discussion item (e).
- Branding: No report.
- Scholarship: Application revised.
- Executive: Next Gen and Chamber sponsorship brochures will be combined for 2025.

Announcements / Members' Good News -

- Annual Meeting 2/15/24, 6:00 at Whirl-I-Gig.
- Ribbon cutting 2/25/24 1:00 at Smith Holistic Care.
- Lunch & Learn 2/21/24 11:00 at Chamber conference room.

Next Meeting - The next BCCC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 8:30 AM in the Chamber conference room.

Adjournment - Action: Motion to adjourn at 9:37 AM by Nathan Grave, supported by Megan Chelsea Klobucher. All in favor.

DK 3/8/24