

Call Meeting to Order - President Debbie Stouffer called the meeting to order at 8:48 AM.

BCCC Mission Statement - The mission statement was read by Dianne Koskinen..

Roll Call -

- Board Present: Debbie Stouffer, Daniel Mares (remote), Joan Kruzich, Nathan Grave, Stacy Froese, Danielle Reeves, Rhonda Nachtigall (remote), Chris Davidson.
- Board Absent: Cody Mayer, Nicole Acciaccia (excused), Burt Mason.
- Staff Present: Mary Mervar, Dianne Koskinen.

Guests and Visitors - None.

Consent Agenda -

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Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Motion to approve the consent agenda by Nathan Grave, supported by Chris Davidson. All in favor.

Board Training - None.

Support Staff Report -

- Financial concerns prompted testing Google Meet for remote access to meetings. Dianne will present details of three major platforms, (Zoom, Teams, Google Meet), at the next meeting.
- Mix and Mingle is ready to go.

Action Items -

- A. Request for donation - Kaleidoscope Art Camp and STEAM Camp.
Discussion: Kaleidoscope is a Chamber member. The Chamber has previously supported Art Camp.
Action: Motion by Nathan Grave, supported by Dan Mares, to donate \$250 to Kaleidoscope Art and STEAM Camps. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Request for donation - Kaleidoscope Battle of the Books.
Discussion: Kaleidoscope is a Chamber member. The Chamber has previously supported Battle of the Books.
Action: Motion by Nathan Grave, supported by Dan Mares, to donate \$250 to Kaleidoscope Battle of the Books. Motion carried with all in favor.
- C. Request for donation - KBIC Maawanji'iding 2026 Pow-wow.

Discussion: KBIC is a Chamber member. The Chamber has previously attempted to support this event, but was unable to follow through due to communication issues.

Action: No action taken.

D. Request for donation - Bay Ambulance Camp 911.

Discussion: Bay Ambulance is a Chamber member. The Chamber has previously supported Camp 911.

Action: Motion by Nathan Grave, supported by Stacy Froese, to donate \$100 to Bay Ambulance Camp 911. Motion carried with all in favor.

E. Request for donation - L'Anse Fire Department Lake Trout Festival.

Discussion: Village of L'Anse is a Chamber member. The Chamber has previously supported LFD's Lake Trout Festival.

Action: Motion by Stacy Froese, supported by Nathan Grave, to donate \$500 to LFD's Lake Trout Festival. Motion carried with all in favor.

F. Board member resignation

Discussion: Dianne read a letter of resignation the Chamber received from board member, Nicole Acciaccia. Board members are encouraged to bring ideas for prospective board members to the next meeting.

Action: Motion by Nathan Grave, supported by Joan Kruzich, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Nicole Acciaccia from the Baraga County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion Items:

- A. Scholarship recipients - Rhonda, Chris, and Danielle will meet immediately upon conclusion of this meeting to select recipients. Chris is recusing himself from the LHS decision.
- B. Dynamo grant continuation, funding, committee chair - Joan will request a report from the 2025 Dynamo Grant recipient, NMB Industrial. The board discussed whether the grant is meeting its intended purpose, also noting that Bingo was originally expected to fund the program but is not being held. Board members expressed concerns about sustainability, the need to refine program parameters, and the committee not being fully staffed. The program structure needs to more clearly define expectations and processes. It was suggested that the Dynamo Grant be paused for one year to allow time for review; therefore, no Dynamo Grants will be awarded in 2026, and the program will be revisited in Spring 2027.
- C. Vice President vacancy - no one has expressed interest in filling the position.
- D. Payment Processing Options - Dianne reported that Zeffy offers the most favorable platform for payment processing and funding acceptance, noting that it charges no fees to the nonprofit or to customers. Zeffy is funded through voluntary contributions made by users during the payment process. Dianne will proceed with establishing a Zeffy account for the Chamber and will set up an option for members to make automatic recurring membership payments.
- E. Cash Flow Projection - resolved and no longer a concern at this time..

Committees Updates -

- **Dynamo** - see discussion item (B).
- **Next Gen** - the Easter Egg Hunt served 192 children through approximately \$3,000 in donations and \$1,000 in Next Gen funds. The Keweenaw Bay Classic fishing tournament is moving along well..
- **PLAN** - see notes in the board packet.
- **Membership** - no update.
- **Scholarship** - see discussion item (A).

Announcements / Members' Good News -

- Mix & Mingle - April 17 at the L'Anse Golf Club.
- Lunch & Learn - March 18 on bank fraud with Breakwater Federal Credit Union was informative and well attended. Next Lunch & Learn will be in May.
- Job Fair - April 15 at the KBOCC.
- Joan reported that KBOCC and the Baraga County Chamber of Commerce jointly applied for a grant focused on sustaining college partnerships with chambers of commerce. She noted that the application is a long shot, as past recipients have primarily been urban institutions and the grant is administered through Chase Bank, which has no local branch. However, she felt it was worthwhile to apply, and the group will await the outcome.

Next Meeting - The next BCCC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in the Chamber conference room. Closed session at 8:30 AM. Open session at 8:45 AM.

Adjournment -

Discussion: None.

Action: A motion was made by Nathan Grave, supported by Chris Davidson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 AM. The motion carried with all in favor.