

CHAUTAUQUA MULTI-USE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, INC.

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December 10, 2008 BOARD MINUTES

PRESENT: Bob Davis, Karen Davis, Jim Enser, Don Horton, Valerie Pawlak, Evelyn Sievert, Mark Twichell, Janey Wagner

ABSENT: Daryl Bautigam, Gary Damico, Ned Divine, Justin Jakubowicz, Greg Lorenzo, Ellen Luczkowiak, Mark Maytum, John Olsavsky, Stephanie Pulvino, Lisa Speciale,

S.I.F.E. MEMBERS: Janelle Danehy, Maggie McEntee and Sam Tuzzeo

President Don Horton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Bob Davis made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Jim Enser, carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Treasurer's Report was given because John Olsavsky was unable to attend. The Treasurer's Report was sent by John to Karen later in the month. The beginning balance on hand on November 12, 2008, was \$2,482.39. There were no cash receipts. Cash disbursements totaled \$129.19 for postage. The ending balance on hand on December 10, 2008, is \$2,353.20.

PARTNERSHIP EXPLORATION COMMITTEE (PEC) REPORT: Jim Enser reported that a positive meeting was held on December 11 with SUNY Fredonia. The meeting with Jamestown Community College on November 12 was very positive. JCC has property available. The meeting with the YMCA went very well. PEC met with Fredonia and Brocton Schools on December 7 and Cassadaga Valley on December 8. They will be meeting with Silver Creek and Forestville Schools on December 15. The Dunkirk Schools are scheduled for December 22. Trying to set up a collective meeting with Westfield, Ripley and Chautauqua Lakes Schools in the near future. Also, looking into meetings with The Boys and Girls Club, Chautauqua Tennis Club and BOCES (at the suggestion of Evie Sievert). There is also a suggestion that we talk with COI. There might be some grant monies available. PEC has received very positive responses from most of the people. The schools are acting very cautious because they really cannot do anything at this time. Jim mentioned we are back to the beginning, but in a different stage. Discussion and questions followed. Don and Jim have attended all the meetings. Mark Twichell and Joanne Niebel have each attended two. Greg Edwards is generally supportive of our goal. He is willing to meet with PEC. Some suggestions that came out during the meetings were to add a catering-ready area, basketball and tennis courts.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the fairgrounds. There was discussion about other people that PEC is hoping to meet with.

Don asked Jim if he feels Greg Edwards would be willing to be our facilitator for a meeting at the end of January. Jim felt that Greg would not be the person to do this. Stan Lundine's name was brought up as well as Mark Thomas. Jim mentioned they might make a good team.

There is a dinner meeting scheduled on February 26 with the Chautauqua County Conference of Mayors in Mayville. Don will not be able to attend, but two other PEC members will attend.

We have not been in the press for some time so Don suggested that we do a presentation to news media in January. We would invite all the media on one night. PEC will make a presentation. Wednesday, January 21, at 7 p.m. at JCC was set up.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON BUSINESS PLAN REVISIONS: Cannot do tonight because the members are not present.

PLANS FOR ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Don Horton, Ned Divine, and Karen Davis are interested in continuing as officers in 2009. Don will check with John Olsavsky about continuing on as Treasurer. There will be a picture taken at the January 14 meeting of the entire group.

OLD BUSINESS: The drawings made by Richard Peebles were small and there were questions at some of the PEC presentations. PEC asked Richard for answers to some of the drawings. He has not gotten back to Don as of today.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FREDONIA STATE SIFE STUDENTS: Janelle Danehy, Maggie McEntee and Sam Tuzzeo gave a final Powerpoint presentation on their findings. They gave Board members a handout of the results of their questionnaires. The complete Powerpoint presentation is available on our Website - www.cmusf.com.

Here is a brief summary of their findings. The SIFE group surveyed 100 non-athlete students and 50 varsity athletes at SUNY Fredonia. The results showed that there was a poor to average result for both the quality of SUNY Fredonia athletic facilities and the availability of athletic facilities. Seventy-four percent are interested in using an off-campus facility. Eighty-two percent would be willing to pay with the average being approximately \$51 per semester. The SIFE students also went over the results of talking with several of the SUNY coaches, including Baseball Coach Matt Palisin, Men's Soccer Coach Patrick Gondek, Women's Lacrosse and Soccer Coach Christopher Case, and Men's Hockey Coach Jeff Meredith. The potential users would be athletes, youth teams, students and active community members. There is the potential to make this facility available to approximately 72,912 people in Chautauqua County and SUNY Fredonia.

PEC will meet on January 12, 2009, at 6 p.m.

Motion was made by Jim Enser to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Bob Davis, carried.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14, 2008, at 7 p.m. at JCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Davis
CMUSF Secretary

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