

CHAUTAUQUA MULTI-USE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, INC.

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January 14, 2009 BOARD MINUTES

PRESENT: Bob Davis, Karen Davis, Ned Divine, Don Horton, Valerie Pawlak, Evelyn Sievert, Lisa Speziale, Mark Twichell, Janey Wagner

ABSENT: Daryl Bautigam, Gary Damico, Jim Enser, Greg Lorenzo, Ellen Luczkowiak, Mark Maytum, Stephanie Pulvino,

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 Janey Wagner, carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ned Divine made a motion to accept with regret the resignation of our Treasurer and Board member John Olsavsky, seconded by Bob Davis, carried. Karen Davis will send John a letter thanking him for his many years of service to the Board. Treasurer's Report was given by Don Horton who received the report from John Olsavsky. The beginning balance on hand December 10, 2008, was \$2,353.20. There were no cash receipts. Cash disbursements of \$271.45 to Copy Boy for fundraising brochure and \$300 to Richard Peebles for presentation boards were made. The cash disbursements totaled \$571.45. The ending balance on hand on January 14, 2009, is \$1,781.75. A motion was made by Karen Davis to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated, seconded by Ned Divine, carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Our present officers are willing to continue in their positions for another year: Don Horton as president, Ned Divine as vice president, and Karen Davis as secretary. We have no one who is interested in becoming treasurer. Lisa Speziale made a motion to cast one ballot for the officers, seconded by Bob Davis, carried.

A discussion about finding a person to replace the treasurer followed. Ellen Luczkowiak had suggested we get someone from a financial institute to join the Board and become the treasurer. Lakeshore Savings should be the first bank to be contacted. Stephanie Pulvino will look into this. Another suggestion would be local accounting firms that might have someone with a financial background who would be interested in joining the Board. Mark Twichell will also contact someone who he had in mind. Lisa Speziale suggested a woman with a financial background whom she knows. Ned Divine suggested we invite a few people from financial institutions to come to our meetings and see if they would be interested in joining. After they have had a chance to see what we are about, then see if someone would be interested in becoming the treasurer. Karen Davis asked if there was anyway someone from the Board could sit down with John and see why he resigned. No one had an answer for this. She stated that he will be a hard one to replace. Valerie Speziale suggested maybe finding someone who is a retired business person or has been the treasurer of a board who might be willing to become a member of our Board and be the treasurer. Janey Wagner also suggested someone, and will think about contacting this person. Evie Sievert has a couple of names in mind that she will contact. Don suggested that we reach out to all the various people mentioned to see if there is some interest and invite them to a meeting or have them meet with the officers. Discussion followed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION: Up to this meeting, the committee consisted of Ned, Ellen and John. Since John has resigned, can we do anything without a treasurer? Ned feels we need to wait for a treasurer to be elected before continuing on the Plan.

PARTNERSHIP EXPLORATION COMMITTEE (PEC) REPORT: The committee continues to be active giving presentations. Don brought the Board up to date on their presentations. PEC met with the superintendents of Silver Creek and Forestville in December. It was a good meeting, but both were non-committal. Both said that if it was built they would find a way for athletes to use it mostly evenings and weekends, especially in the spring. This was the situation for all the schools they met with. All the schools were encouraging and positive about the project. They met with Gary Cerne, superintendent of Dunkirk Schools, on January 12. He is very interested but non-committal. They can't get funding for a centralized elementary. Westfield, Ripley and Chautauqua Lake see a regional use according to Mark Twichell. The budget crunch could lead to outsourcing some of their activities. Their administrators were thinking outside the box. They suggested that there could be club level sports for small schools that cannot afford team sports at their schools. Indoor track was brought up by several schools. They were very positive. PEC met with two Board members of The Chautauqua Tennis Club on January 6. They were positive, but were concerned about the cost factor. They now pay \$14 for 1½ hours of court time at Floral Hall. They are happy with where they are now. They have about 100 members. The Committee met with Jody Briggs from Boys and Girls Club on January 7. They are searching for a new building at this time. She was positive about the project, but there is no money available to help build. PEC does not see the Boys and Girls Club housed in our facility, but definitely sees them using it. There was a meeting with Roberta Keller, Executive Director of COI, on January 14. She was non-committal about money, but is interested in having a building near JCC. They are always looking for space for a daycare center.

The moms and dads could use the facility while kids are in day care—maybe lease space for daycare center. COI has grant writers on staff that might be helpful to us.

Presentation to the Conference of Mayors will be held in Mayville on February 26.

There will be a meeting on January 20 with BOCES at the Carrier Center.

Karen Davis asked about the Resource Center. Ned Divine mentioned that they do not have a lot of money available. They would be more of a user group.

PEC has talked about getting everyone who has shown an interest in our facility together in February for a meeting. JCC is wondering why PEC should meet with all the other groups if they are the most interested. JCC needs to show tangible means, but we cannot press them for a timeframe at this time. Discussion followed. A motion to move to talk with JCC and not have all the other groups there was made by Ned Divine, seconded by Evie Sievert, carried. Don had already talked with Frank Porpiglia about this.

DISCUSSION ABOUT PARTNERSHIP FACILITATOR: If we got all the interested parties together we would need a facilitator. Stan Lundine said no. Ned has not had a chance to talk with Rich Alexander. John Earshen would not charge a fee other than the cost of mileage. Evie had suggested Larry Pace who is the assistant to Steve Purol at the Chautauqua County Youth Bureau. Don asked if we should get a facilitator at this time or wait until after we meet with JCC. The facilitator would get the groups together to try and get the money going to build. It was decided to table getting a facilitator for now until after talking with JCC. We will need a reasonable idea of what we will discuss in a meeting with all the groups present.

PRESS CONFERENCE/MEDIA PRESENTATION: The presentation will be held on January 21 at 7 p.m. at JCC. The same PEC presentation that is being given to various groups will be given to the media. We need to get some positive press out. Press release will be given out that night to the media who attend. Don invited YMCA, JCC and Fredonia SUNY, but none of them are comfortable with attending.

Board members are welcome to attend the meeting, but it is not necessary. The following local media have been invited: Cable 8 News, Jamestown Post Journal, Business First, WDOE, Chautauqua Star & Bulletin Board, Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce, The Observer, Buffalo News, and Media One Radio Group from Jamestown.

We won't have our group picture in the paper until after the press release.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Evie mentioned about Dunkirk Police Officer Denise Zentz talking with the Pomfret Recreation Board in December. Denise mentioned that Kaboom will donate to any kid project. She also mentioned about the various businesses and people who donated to the Dunkirk skate park.

The Maytum Company is holding a presentation on January 20 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Fredonia SUNY dealing with reaching more people to maximize advertising budgets. If we have representation to this meeting, we will get a free full-page advertisement. Don is looking for someone to attend.

MEMBERSHIP ISSUES: Joanne Niebel had shown an interest in joining the Board. Don has not heard from her so it will be tabled until next month.

Justin Jakubowicz has resigned due to time constraints.

Don will get an updated contact list to everyone through e-mail and will mail Valerie one.

Motion was made by Ned Divine to adjourn at 8:38 p.m., seconded by Bob Davis, carried.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at 7 p.m. at JCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Davis
CMUSF Secretary

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