

**CHAUTAUQUA MULTI-USE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, INC.**

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**June 11, 2008 BOARD MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Bob Davis, Karen Davis, Ned Divine, Don Horton, John Olsavsky, Evelyn Sievert, Mark Twichell, Janey Wagner

**ABSENT:** Tammy Bankoski, Jessica Colvenback, Megan Czekanski, Gary Damico, Bob Domzalski, Jim Enser, Al Gens, Justin Jakubowicz, Ellen Luczkowiak, Debbie Maze, Dick Pachol, Jill Purol, Stephanie, Pulvino, Don Ryan, Sara Schelling, Lisa Speziale, Amanda Waite, Mike Whitcher, David Wright

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

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** John Olsavsky made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Ned Divine, carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was given by John Olsavsky. The balance on hand as of May 14, 2008, was \$8,094.62. Check from Chamber of Commerce for \$1,850 was recently received. Cash receipt of \$18 for apparel was received. Cash disbursements of \$41.36 for office supplies, \$11.32 for postage, and \$35 for the 2007 NYS CHAR500 filing fee were made. Cash disbursements totaled \$87.68. The ending balance on hand as of June 11, 2008, is \$9,874.94. Bob Davis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated, seconded by Ned Divine, carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON BUSINESS PLAN -** John Olsavsky handed out copies of the June 11 version of the Business Plan to Board members. John explained the Confidentiality Agreement and went over some parts of the handout. Some areas still need more work and evidence.

Don asked if the project is doable according to the Business Plan at this time. John answered yes and no, it depends. Ned explained that it would be based on the assumptions made in the Plan. If the amount of monies we have included in the Plan for how much we can raise and on how much the building, structure and land will cost, than yes, it is doable. The cost is based on \$100-110 per square foot. It could be up to \$120-130 by now. With that assumption, it would cost about \$3.5 to \$4 million to build.

Don sent the drawings to Concept Construction today to get a better idea of costs. After we have more accurate numbers from Concept, we can update the Plan.

Ned said that the Committee has been as conservative on the numbers in the Plan as they can.

Plan is complete and can be shared if anyone is really interested in knowing more about it. It should not be posted on the Web right now. It was decided to put a summary of the Plan on the Web.

A motion was made by Bob Davis to approve the Business Plan as it stands now but is subject to change, seconded by Janey Wagner, carried.

The Plan is now ready for Irene Dobies to view.

This is a big step! Finance Committee was once again praised for their hard work.

**WEB SITE DEBUT -** The Web site is up and running. Everyone had a part in the development of the site, and it looks very nice. Don already gave Justin Jakubowicz four things to put on the site. Justin has not received the codes necessary to access the site yet. Hopefully, he will be able to work on the site soon. We did get billed \$850 as the final payment on the site. The creation of the Web site costs \$1,700.

John suggested that we should have used .org instead of .com. Maybe we can use it on an extra domain we might purchase later.

Approved minutes should be posted on both the Blog and the Web.

**FUNDRAISING STUDY -** Mark Twichell reported that they met the night before, and it was a good meeting. John Earshen was very direct with group asking for certain things. He feels the Business Plan is something we really need to have. He mentioned that if we can come up with half of what the total cost is via the survey that is being conducted, than we can go ahead with raising the rest through the general public.

They spent a lot of time going over the prime candidate list in detail. There are 101 names on the list. We need to look over the list and let Don know if anyone's classification on the list should be changed and justify why the change should be made. The classifications are: A-C (based on dollar amount) will receive letter packets and interviews; D-E will not receive packets or be interviewed. "Yes" classification will be informed of study and have an interview. The classification was not only on the dollar amount but also on the political power they hold. Ned mentioned a concern over getting the other fifty percent from the general public.

Janey asked if it is based on the size of the community with maybe larger ones being able to use the fifty percent mark.

John Earshen is comparing ours with the Cortland model. John E. wants our figures to match up with Cortland's.

Don wants us to send him any names that are still not on the list and/or classification changes and justification for such.

John E. is anticipating mailing out the packets the first or second week of July with interviews at the end of July and into August. He is under contract to be done by September 1, 2008, and will make a presentation at our September monthly meeting. He will meet with the sub-committee first before meeting with the full Board. Then we will decide if we have a project or not or are we in the gray area of building.

John asked if JCC has an Alumni Board. Don said we have two on the list from JCC.

John E. asked for the architectural drawings. He received them yesterday just prior to the meeting.

John commented that if this was commercially viable, it would have been done already. This is going to be a constant battle to generate donations to keep it running. The Cortland model always has fundraisers going on.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PUBLICITY ISSUES** - We got our bill for the one-year fee of \$170 to continue our membership in the Chamber of Commerce. The membership is good for contacts and publicity. Karen made a motion to pay for another year's membership of \$170 plus \$25 for the technology donation, seconded by Bob, carried.

Don has been interviewed by the Chamber of Commerce. This is free advertising for us. We have not spent any money on this. We will be seen in a couple of newspaper articles and in THE VOICE. Don will present any costs to the Board prior to spending.

**SITE LOCATION NEWS** - Don was approached by Sherri Bauer who is the contact person for the land on Arrowhead Drive. Don and John had a meeting at Tim Horton's with Sherri and Daniel Baldwin this morning. Mr. Baldwin would like to build a sports bar/entertainment center with bowling and arcade on four acres of the land we are interested in purchasing. He wants to develop the frontage. There will still be 25-26 acres left if we are interested in the land. Mr. Baldwin was interested in talking with us because he knows we are interested in building a sports complex.

Bob asked if the price might go down if there is no frontage. This is definitely likely.

**FREDONIA FARM FESTIVAL** - The Farm Festival will be held August 22-24 this year. We voted last month to not participate in the Chautauqua County Fair but maybe show a presence at the Festival. Janey will be in charge of the work schedule. She came with a schedule printed out and ready to be filled in. The deadline for signing up is not for awhile. The Board decided to have Don e-mail the special events people to find out if they would be willing to help out. We need more support from the other members of the Board. The Festival timeframe is Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The decision was made to wait until July meeting to decide on the Festival. Don will contact special events people to also see if they are still interested in being on the Board.

**ARCHITECTUAL DRAWINGS** - The drawings came yesterday. They will be posted on the Web and Blog soon. The drawings are already included in the Business Plan. All members were asked to look over the drawings that they received by e-mail.

The Board took time to look over the drawings as a group. It was suggested that we have space included for an exercise facility, such as a YMCA. We need to add a concession area. It might be included in the "lease space." Discussion followed.

John suggested that an article be written for THE OBSERVER letting people know that the drawings are now posted on the Blog and Web.

**UPCOMING GUEST SCHEDULE** - July 9 meeting - Gary Cerne, superintendent of Dunkirk Schools  
August meeting - Paul DiFonzo - superintendent of Fredonia Schools  
September meeting - John Earshen, Feasibility Study  
October meeting - Roger Connelly, Geothermal Systems (also invite R. Peebles and Concept Construction)

**OLD BUSINESS** - Kristin Dziuba gave Don three copies of the Powerpoint presentation. Copies were given to John O., Don and one will go to Debbie Maze. We also got the template to make corrections on the brochure that she made up. We will have to decide whether to use her's or the older one. It was decided to put pamphlets out at several locations throughout the area. John will make copies and get them distributed.

Janey was given a handout on the Chautauqua Lake School District geothermal system. Their backup system has become expensive. They are looking into a biomass boiler system. LP Ciminelli installed the geothermal system.

Evie Sievert mentioned that the Director of the Fredonia-Pomfret Recreation Department did not want to put our Web site information on the brochure this year because he did not want people to be confused that the Sports Complex is up and running. So, it was suggested that the information could be put in a future brochure from the Recreation Department.

Evie mentioned about Free Cycle which she heard about on Channel 4. This is an area where people can trade with other people for free. We could possibly use this to get equipment later on.

John mentioned about the [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org) site--possibly useable in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS** - There is no new business at this time.

Motion was made by John to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Ned, carried.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at 7 p.m. at JCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Davis  
CMUSF Secretary

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Please send e-mail addresses of people who might be interested in receiving information to John Olsavsky at [johnolsavsky@yahoo.com](mailto:johnolsavsky@yahoo.com) or bring to the next meeting.