

CHAUTAUQUA MULTI-USE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, INC.

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July 9, 2008 BOARD MINUTES

PRESENT: Bob Davis, Karen Davis, Ned Divine, Jim Enser, Don Horton, Justin Jakubowicz, Ellen Luczkowiak, John Olsavsky, Lisa Speziale, Mark Twichell,

ABSENT: Jessica Colvenback, Gary Damico, Al Gens, Mark Maytum, Dick Pachol, Stephanie Pulvino, Evelyn Sievert, Janey Wagner, Mike Whitcher,

GUEST: Gary Cerne, Superintendent of Dunkirk Public Schools

President Don Horton called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 June 11, 2008, was \$9,874.94. Cash receipt of \$0.22 from PayPal donation was received. Cash disbursements of \$850 for the Web Site, and \$195 for membership dues in the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce were made. Cash disbursements totaled \$1,045. The ending balance on hand as of July 9, 2008, is \$8,830.16. Jim Enser made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated, seconded by Bob Davis, carried.

SPECIAL GUEST GARY CERNE, DUNKIRK SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT: Currently the Dunkirk Board of Education is reviewing their capital projects at the elementary schools. State Education building formula is old. They can get more NY State Ed. monies to fix up the old buildings than to build a new elementary building. The building committee is trying to put together a package to send to State Ed. The building committee would like to build a field house with indoor track. Mr. Cerne is not sure what the needs are at this time. He is not sure if they have a need for our complex, but they might if they end up fixing up the old elementary buildings. A new elementary building would be behind the high school on the old Little League fields. There are 461 elementary students. The best set up would be pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grades together at School 7. The new building would house second through fifth grades on two floors.

Ned Divine explained what our complex could do for Dunkirk and Fredonia. Mr. Cerne said it would be October or November before they would have an answer from State Ed.

Lisa Speziale asked Mr. Cerne if he sees Dunkirk Schools supporting our project. Mr. Cerne said he was not certain right now. There would be more of a need if we have the separate elementary buildings. There would be a new gym if the new elementary building is built.

Jim Enser asked about secondary use during non-traditional seasons. Would not be a direct component of high school athletics, and not tied directly to the school district.

Mr. Cerne supports what we are doing, but can't say they will use it.

Lisa Speziale asked if we should talk with the Booster Club? Mr. Cerne said yes.

Don Horton asked if the field house is out of the plans. Mr. Cerne said it is doubtful because of expense, but not dead.

Mr. Cerne said "I'm a supporter of the project." He apologized for not having better answers today, but hoped he gave us insight into what's going on with Dunkirk Schools. They will know in late fall which way they are going to go.

Fredonia Central School Superintendent Paul DiFonso will be at next month's meeting.

FUNDRAISING STUDY UPDATE: Lisa Speziale and Mark Twichell said they have had lots of meetings that have been very productive. The list of names has been reviewed and the committee was taught how to rank people on the list. The list now comprises 75 names to be contacted. Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs will not be getting letters right now. Clubs will not be getting letters at this time because of monetary values that they might be able to contribute. Mr. Earshen will have an idea as to whether the complex is a go or not after the interviews. He is a very knowledgeable, very positive, and realistic guy. The goal is to have the letters out on Tuesday. Monday, July 21 is phone day at Don's house at 9 a.m. The final version will go to Copy Boy on Friday and in the mail on Tuesday. Mr. Earshen is under contract to be done by September 1, 2008. The Case for Support payment to Mr. Earshen is \$7,000. Discussion of Mr. Earshen's document followed with several changes mentioned. Interviews will start on July 28. We will need to look for companies to help pay Mr. Earshen for the full-blown campaign (\$135,000?) if the facility is going to be built.

BLOG AND WEB SITE: The Blog and Web Site need to be kept up-to-date by John and Justin concerning membership and other issues. We don't want them to be outdated because we are sending people to the sites and want them current.

We will be receiving free publicity from the Chamber soon. They interviewed Don recently.

FREDONIA FARM FESTIVAL: Lisa Speziale made a motion that we should be in attendance at the Fredonia Farm Festival, seconded by Justin Jakubowicz, carried. A sign-up time sheet was distributed. Janey Wagner will e-mail the schedule to members.

DECISIONS ON ARCHITECT: The architect will not work for us any more without being paid. His cost would be \$721,000 or \$115 per hour. John Olsavsky asked what do we need him for now? We would get more detailed drawings. Decision was made to leave this until after Earshen project is complete in the fall.

SITE SELECTION ISSUES: Larry Spacc site came up on WDOE and also in OBSERVER article. Mayor Frey made a comment that maybe he would be interest in talking with us after project is a go. Discussion followed on Spacc site.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Justin said he is trying to keep up with e-mails about updates for Web Site. He has the source file for Flash now. He is just reviewing where things have to go. Justin will come up with some key words for searching.

Don mentioned about a letter he received from Web Listings, Inc., a search engine listing company. Committee decided to toss it.

Wall Street Journal subscription would cost \$99 per year. Committee decided to toss it.

Jeff Sackman from Advantage Sports USA in Lewiston contacted Don concerning Advantage Athletic Flooring systems. Don told him he'll keep in touch with him.

Don Horton will be on WDOE Viewpoint on Tuesday, July 29.

Motion was made by John to adjourn at 9:12 p.m., seconded by Ned, carried.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13, 2008, at 7 p.m. at JCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Davis
CMUSF Secretary

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