



In attendance: Neil Stafford, Larry Berg, Alycia Vosinek, Wendy Mason, Stan Fillion, Jim Alden, Jan Carver, Peter Minich, Al Smith, Ray Cloutier, Dick Hamilton, Gerald Winn, Jani Fillion, & Chad Stearns

Absent:, Naomi Reinhard, Janet Parker, John Alberini, Aaren James, George Kirk, Chuck Connell, Mike Claflin

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 7:31 am by Neil Stafford.

November Meeting Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Wendy motioned to accept the November meeting minutes, and Gerald seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Directors Report:

- Chad went over the newly designed Executive Directors report, noting that it was much more involved than past reports. The new report commented on activities the chamber is now engrossed in, including committees, daily functions, and special projects.

Treasurer's Report: Alycia noted that the financials look good, with advertising income down. Chad announced that he felt it was unacceptable to charge town entities such as the high school and parks department dues when the taxpayers already give us an appropriation. The board agreed and voted to make the two entities courtesy members.

Next Alycia presented the budget from the upcoming year. She noted that Chad and her had worked on it to make it as realistic as possible with so many unknowns such as the Opera House. Jan Carver asked that \$1300 be added to member promotions so that the membership drive may have materials to give out. Larry Berg offered to reduce the marketing budget by \$2,300 to assist in that. Peter Minich moved to accepted the proposed budget as amended, and Jim Alden seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.

Dick made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, and Gerald seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

- Chad told the board that when going out for signatures for fireworks, he was given the idea that businesses should pay for some of this as well. The board discussed this, and further discussed whether the chamber should even be involved with the fireworks to begin with. Jim felt as though it looked like we were asking for more money that we were being given already, when in fact we were providing a service to the community. It was decided that we should take the chambers name off of the warrant article and still pursue the full amount.



- Larry noted that the Bank RFP's were in and a recommendation will be ready for the next board meeting.
- Jim discussed briefly that a committee was forming to look at Main Street Beautification and how to go about adding items such as signage, trash cans, etc.

Old Business

- Larry made a motion to amend the by-laws as presented at the last board meeting. Alycia seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.
- Gerald gave a brief update on the community outreach committee and said that it was starting to come together.
- Neil noted that we should have final approval from the state on the renovation plans of the Opera House. After we receive that we will start soliciting donations and working to move the chamber offices. After the move, Neil plans to focus on the venue aspect of the Opera House

Committee Reports:

Membership: - Jan noted that the Committee has plans to continue the professional development seminars, conduct a membership drive, and a membership survey in the coming year.

Marketing: Larry noted that the committee is looking at regrouping in the coming year with Carrie Gendreau as Marketing Chair.

Christmas Parade: Neil noted that the Kirks and Dennis did a great job with the parade.

Annual Dinner: Alycia noted that the annual dinner will be on January 8th at the Omni Mount Washington Resort with Jimmy Dunn as Guest Speaker

Nominating: Wendy handed out a slate of officers for the upcoming year. Alycia motioned to approve the slate as presented. Jan seconded and the board unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Stearns
Executive Director