

Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes

July 27, 2017

FMUB – Training Room

The meeting was called to order by President Heather Whitman at 8:00 am

Board Members Present: Heather Whitman, Tiffany Faust, Greg LeCaptain, Kara Premo-Rake, Lisa Cestkowski, JD Milburn, Tara Ninmann, JT Cestkowski and Edie Illinski

Guest: Rod Humpal – Larson House and Chris Larsen – Christian Store (considering Columbus)

Minutes:

Corrections to the minutes 7-11-2017. 1) JT Cestkowski majored in Videography in college (not marketing) A motion to approve the corrected minute was made by Tara and a second was made by Greg. Motion carried.

Website: <http://columbuswichamber.com> **Email:** please use contact page from website

- **Submissions:** please use contact page from website

OLD BUSINESS

- **Firecracker 5** –John Schultz sent \$25 with a note on how well handled the run was.
 - **Disbursement of funds from Firecracker**
 - \$500 to the Lions for their help – less physical help was needed but they helped with registration.
 - Kara made a motion to disburse and Greg made a second to the motion. Motion Carried
 - \$3000 to the FBLA and Cross Country to be split at the schools discretion
 - Edie made a motion to disburse and Greg made a second to the motion. Motion Carried
 - Up to \$300 to reimburse the school for postage.
 - Edie made a motion to disburse on request. Greg made a second to the motion. Motion Carried.
- **Fall Festival** – A meeting will be held from 11:30 – 1:30 on the 25th to work on planning and coordination
 - JD will be at the meeting and will be coordinating People & Products of Columbus
 - Advertising costs were discussed. Edie made a motion that the Chamber contribute \$200.00 towards the cost of advertising. Greg seconded the motion. Motion Carried
- **Columbia County Tourism** – the meetings are normally on the same day as our meetings. JD volunteered to attend their meeting later in the morning. Dan Amato does belong.
- **Columbus Ambassador** – Discussion on how great of a job Michaela did – all agreed GREAT JOB
 - **2017-2018 Ambassador** – Based on the hard work that Michaela put in, we feel that we were lucky that she applied. To encourage more applicants it was felt that perhaps we need to increase the amount of funding the Ambassador receives.
 - Edie made a motion to increase the funding to \$750 to be paid in two halves. The 1st half in the beginning and the 2nd half at the end of the summer. Greg seconded Edie's motion. Motion Carried.
- **Correspondence:**
 - **Web Site** – Tommy – looking to list more events on website. It looks empty.
 - **Oddtoberfest** – not a chamber event
 - **Cajun Fest** – not a chamber event
 - **Night Out** – Aug 1st – National Night out
 - **Horses in the Park** – new event planned for October
 - **Mail** – Tiffany – Invitation to the naming of the Bill McCullum Way (road) in Beaver Dam 7-27-17 @ 1 pm

- **Phone** – Heather – quiet
- **Membership Report** – 84 members

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chris Larsen introduced herself. She is looking to open a Christian Store and is considering Columbus. She attended to see how viable Columbus would be for her business.
- The bike peddler group is still on track to travel through Columbus to old general store in Keyeser.

PENDING

- Welcome sign near the hospital

NEXT MEETING August 4, 2017 at FARMERS MERCHANTS UNION BANK at 8:00 in the downstairs training room.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edie Illinski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "I".

Edie Illinski,
Secretary