

Minutes 8/8/17

Columbus Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce

Called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Members in attendance: Lisa Cestkowski, Kara Rake-Premo, Tiffany Faust, Greg LeCaptain, Rod Humpal, Heather Whitman

Guest: Carmen Hidalgo from Action Coach and Kris Hanson

Old Business Follow up:

Motion to approve previous minutes: Kara motioned to approve with the following change: the next meeting will be August 8, motion seconded by Tiffany.

Ambassador Letter: We changed the essay questions from 5 to 3 questions for the required essay. Heather will send the letter to NHS, FBLA, Cross Country, and Annette Deuman.

New Business:

Welcome Bags-we had previously voted against the continuation of these, however, the library asked us to reconsider. According to the library, we have given away 83 bags in 2 years. Of those 83 bags, thirty of them went to campers who ask for them every year. There also has not been enough participation from members to donate items for the bags. The Chamber agreed we will not be doing any bags going further. The discussion then led to do information folders for visitors and new citizens of Columbus.

Wine Walk 2017- Heather looked into renting a bus so that we could include other businesses besides downtown. The quote came in at over \$1000 for the 4 hours and would not be feasible this year. She will put the letters together and mail them out to all members before the next meeting. She also ordered the square device so we could take credit cards this year. She will be contacting the city for the permit information. She has already ordered more cups, wristbands, and spoken to General Beverage distributor to purchase the wine.

Correspondence:

Emails all handled by Tommy

Web Site – everything is going well

Mail – Request from Historical Society to purchase \$25 ad for 2018 Calendar. Greg approved the motion and Kara 2nd. The equine foundation also mailed a request for money. As none of their members nor the foundation itself is a member of the Chamber we will not be donating.

Treasurers Report: Tiffany gave a full report of the finances and passed out a copy to all in attendance.

Membership Report:

85 members – My Guest Room is a new member

Next Meeting: 8:00 AM Augusts 22 at Farmer's and Merchant's Union Bank downtown

Motion to adjourn Greg, Seconded Rod