

Hillside-Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
Minutes from the February 12, 2014

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by President Kandice Jacobs.
- Board Members Present: Kathy Zaleta, Jim Dumas, Kandice Jacobs, Jack Harris, Marty Hughes, Dan Mulcahy, Linda Latelle, Betsy D’Onofrio, Peggy Stanko and Loretta Bohn.
- President’s Report: Kandice commented on what a wonderful event the Mid Winter Bash was. She congratulated the winners and stated it was interesting to find out who where members since the beginning of the Chamber and longest Board Member. Next year’s Bash will have different awards. We will start thinking about them now. We will call the Companies that didn’t make it to the dinner to pick up their Certificates.
It’s a new year so don’t forget each business could have 2 free E-Blasts a year, also don’t forget Newsletter ads just \$5 a month.
- Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jim Dumas to accept the minutes of the January meeting, seconded by Linda Latelle. Motion was approved.
Chamber By-Laws and approved minutes are now posted on the Chamber website, under Membership.
- Treasurer’s Report: Hanne absent, Kandice went over the budget. Still waiting for a bill from the January Luncheon (Holiday Inn) and a bill for the invitations for the Mid Winter Bash (Minuteman Press). Loretta Bohn made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report with a balance of \$7,109.86, Betsy D’Onofrio seconded. The motion was approved.
- Secretary Report:
- Hillside Baseball - donation/Sponsor request. After a discussion about making a donation of \$50 or a team sponsor for \$300, Linda Latelle made a motion to make a donation of \$50, Kathy Zaleta seconded. Motion was approved. The discussion was do we want to sponsor a team for \$300 to get our name on the uniforms and on the sign, letting people know the Chamber is involved in the

community. Some felt not at this time, also we only gave The Boys & Girls Club a donation of \$50 in January.

Dan Mulcahy suggested we get more involved in the activities of the Villages (Music in the parks, parades) showing up getting our name out there. We will revisit the idea for sponsoring a team next year.

- H.I.P – fundraiser/donation request. NO
- Elmhurst Baseball- donation/sponsor request. No
- Invitation Bellwood Chamber – Business After Hours Feb 18, @5:30-7 at Richards Graphic Communication.
- Invitation - Village of Berkeley – Roundtable Discussion Feb 25, 7 pm Peggy Stanko stated it was open to all residents & businesses to discuss what's going on in the village.
- Invitation -Elmhurst College – President's Community Breakfast March 1, 8-9:30
- Invitation Triton College- Multi-Chamber After Hours March 4, 5:30-7

Committee Reports:

Events Committee – Kathy Zaleta

- Mid Winter Bash 129 invitations went out 26 attended. Everyone had a wonderful time, what can we do to get better attendance? Hopefully word of mouth and every year it will be a little better attended. As of now our profit was \$644.73. Stimac's donated the wine for each table. Tina from Neighbors got the table centerpieces and Chocolates for everyone. Sue will be sending out Thank yous. Next year we will have different awards, we will be working on that throughout the year.
- Football Mania super Match raises \$312 for the Chamber. Would we like to do a Hoops Mania for March Madness - NO let's just do Football Mania & Super Match.
- Night at the Races – Maywood has not gotten their racing schedule yet. Shooting for April 24th, hopefully will know by next week. Price will be \$35 for one ticket & 2 for \$60.
- Monthly Luncheons
 - March 4 Rocky's Gyros
 - April 1 Q's - guest speaker Russ Wajda
 - Hillside Administrator - State of the Village

May 6 Berkeley Public Library guest speaker Marian Gibson Berkeley Interim Village Administrator State of the Village

Dan Mulcahy suggested we do something in the morning, it's too hard for everyone to get away in the middle of the day. We will try a Breakfast in June tentative to have it at the Berkeley Village Hall (Peggy is checking) Inland Bank & National Resources & Management will donate the Donuts & Bagel, the Village of Berkeley will provide the Coffee.

Membership: Dan Mulachy

42 members have not renewed, Dan and Kandice will be visiting those who have not renewed, with membership forms in hand.

Sue will be sending out a letter to businesses who never joined before asking them to join, Dan Mulcahy will follow up with them.

New Members-

Lawn Doctor of Elmhurst-Villa Park

Aria Post Acute Care

Proviso Special Olympics

JK's Restaurant

Social Media: Dan Mulcahy

Dan & Mike from Triton are trying to set up a date during Spring break.

Dan's free on Wednesday but Mike is not. Dan stated he can make the arrangements but doesn't necessarily need to be present at the class.

New Business:

- Board Meeting Date – Kandice asked if we could change the date of the Board Meetings to either the first or third Wednesday of the month because of conflict with her schedule. Betsy D'Onofrio made a motion we change our Board Meetings to the 3rd Wednesday, Jim Dumas seconded. Motion was approved.
- Event set-up – When Sue Hutsebaut works at the Chamber Events she is not on the clock. Sue will start getting paid for the events she works at.
- Committee Appointment
 - Finance – Hanne Alajoki, Mary Jeans, Rita Steiskal
 - Membership – Dan Mulcahy, Rita Steiskal
 - Luncheons & After Hours- Kathy Zaleta, Jack Harris, Hanne Alajoki
 - Summer Dinner – Peggy Stanko
 - Night at the Races - Betsy D'Onofrio, Linda Latelle
 - Golf Outing – Marty Hughes, Jack Harris
 - Business Expo – Jim Dumas

Mid Winter Dinner – Kandice Jacobs, Peggy Stanko, Jack Harris,
Loretta Bohn

Social Media- Dan Mulcahy

By-Laws – Loretta Bohn

- Peggy Stanko has tickets to Illinois Reckoning with Gov Jim Thompson March 7th from 7-10:00 am if anyone is interested in going

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jack Harris to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was seconded by Betsy D’Onofrio
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40am

Submitted by: Kathy Zaleta