

Hillside-Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

7:35 am by Rick Smolke, President

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hanne Alajoki, Carli Baldo, Loretta Bohn, Dana Celar, Dan De La Font, Betsy D'Onofrio, Jack Harris, Bob Jankowski, Jerry Perez, Bobbie Robertson and Rick Smolke.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sue Hutsebaut

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion made to accept the March minutes by Loretta and seconded by Rick. Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT – Hanne reported a balance of \$2,558.85. Motion made by Bob to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Betsy. Motion carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Rick introduced new board members Dan De La Font with State Farm Insurance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Events

- The Annie LeGere Walkathon is Saturday, April 23rd.
- Night At The Races - Hawthorne Race Course on Thursday, May 19, 2016. Tickets are on sale now at \$40/person. We currently have 8 tickets sold.
 - Hawthorne Racetrack has given the Chamber two Ads worth \$500 each. We will use one for the Chamber and the other for The Annie LeGere Foundation. Bob & Rick will work on the Ads.
 - Raffles
 - Split-the-Pot – Dan D will be selling tickets at \$10 for an arms length and \$20 for a body length.
 - Pace Car - \$5.00 each – will be the fourth race
 - Raffle of donated items - \$5.00 ea / 5 for \$20
- Multi-Community Business Expo – Westchester Chamber has suggested having the expo on Saturday, August 6th in conjunction with the Westchester Music Fest to increase foot traffic. The board voted to go ahead with this event. Sue will contact Jeannie Helgeson with Westchester Chamber.
- Hillside Youth Athletic Parade – Saturday, April 30th @ 10:00 am. Rick will have a car for the parade. Anyone who wants to participate should meet at the Hillside Village Hall at 9:30 am.
- Golf Outing – Rick will contact Meadowlark Golf Course to set a date.
- Monthly Luncheons
 - May 3rd – at Hillside Bowl catered by S & J Grill. Speakers will be Mayors from Hillside and Berkeley with The State of the Villages.
 - June 7th – Emilio's Tapas

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Next seminar will be on Home Ownership in Cook County. Learn the secrets of applying for down payment grants to lower your closing costs and make it easier to purchase a home. This will be presented on Wednesday, April 20th at the Berkeley Village Hall at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERSHIP

- The board voted to terminate the following members due to non-payment of dues.
 - Berkeley Community Garden Club
 - Dunkin' Donuts / WingZone
 - Elmhurst College
 - H&R Block
 - Jeep & Blazer
 - John Jurik State Farm Insurance
 - Precision Accounting and Tax Services
 - The Monroe Foundation

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Carli has all our social media sights updated

FINANCE – No Report

BY-LAWS – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Rick suggested changing the time for the luncheons because some people cannot get away from their business for 1 ½ hours. It was decided to advertise the luncheons as networking at 11:30 am – lunch served at 12:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Rick to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 am and seconded by Jerry. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Sue Hutsebaut