

Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
December 8, 2009
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank
Franconia Office

Called to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:00am by President Frank Grima

Members Present: Frank Grima, Maxine Aldrich, Orlo Coots, Jean Sauls, Todd Aldrich, Steve Allen, Greg Keeler and Executive Director Barbara Ashley.

Secretary's Report: Minor corrections noted, Motion to approve- Jean. Motion seconded by Maxine. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by Jean. Motion seconded by Steve. Discussion on line items pursued and duly explained by Treasurer Todd. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report and Marketing Team Report:

*New members presented for approval-

Brothers of Other Mothers (BOOM) Band of Littleton
Paths of Harmony, Mary Sturtevant, Sugar Hill
Upstage Players of Lisbon, NH
Lisbon Main Street, Inc.

Motion to approve by Jean. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion passed unanimously. Several other applications were reported as in process.

*2010 Brochure- the process is moving forward. Barbara continues to meet with Moriah Design.

*Welcome Center is decorated for the holidays.

*All financial business is being taken care of for year end; budget meeting for 2010 budget to be completed before year end. .

*Annual Dinner Meeting is set for January 12, 2010. Best Western White Mountain Resort is hosting it in their Ballroom, Chef Joe's Catering will cater the dinner, DRED Commissioner George Bald will be the featured speaker, Silent Auction will be held, live entertainment will be provided by the Speak-easy Jazz Trio. Dinner will be \$40. per person, all inclusive. Invitation will be mailed December 26th.

*Area Discount Card- the last invite to participate has been sent. Waiting for the last replies to come in before printing is finalized.

* The Chamber sent Flowers to Nancy Aldrich to wish her a speedy recovery.

*Cannon Mountain update from Greg Keeler- Cannon is open for the season. Food Drive will take place on December 12, Peabody Lodge still finishing up construction and planning grand opening for the Cannonball Pub on December 18. Plans are for the total new renovation to be opened by Christmas. Cannon Mountain staff did much of the labor work themselves, saving close to \$1,000,000 on the cost of the project.

* Business After Hours- Building Alternatives, Inc. and Pine Needle Card & Gift Company will host the event December 16.

Events Team Report:

* Initial meeting with new team leader, Ilja Chapman of Adair Country Inn and Restaurant, was well attended. Planning has started on next years Christmas event. Team will also be boosting up marketing of current events that are held by the Chamber. Kim Cowles planning on doing some winter events this coming February which will hopefully help to re-start the Frost Bite Follies for 2011 winter.

* Decorating Contest is underway; coordinated by Barbara and Kim Cowles of the Franconia Recreation Department. Several categories will be judged. Flyers will be posted for interested parties to sign up to be judged. Chamber will award plaques to all winners.

* New Members Discount is offered to members for building the membership and rewarding members with financial award per new member toward next year's dues. Details are posted on the website. And periodically in the E-newsletters.

Collaboration Report (given in absentia, VP Bob Tortorice not present)

* Only Lincoln has been actively collaborating with FNCC. The doors are always open for the other Chambers to participate. Littleton has indicated that they plan on being more active in the coming months.

Nominating Committee Report:

* Slate of Officers and Directors for 2010 were approved to be presented at the Annual Meeting. New members include: Beth Horan of Peabody & Smith Realty, Bill McFarlane of Choko, New England and

All Agenda items concluded, motion to adjourn was made by Steve, seconded by Jean. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Orlo Coots, Secretary

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the Best Western White Mountain Resort
Annual Meeting to Elect Officers and Directors for 2010.