



Heart of Illinois Hospitality Association
Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 – Board Meeting Minutes
Host: Peoria Marriot Pere Marquette

Present: Dan Kouri-**Lariat Steakhouse**, Julie Bushell-**Four Points by Sheraton**, Karen Nash-**Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette**, John Beintema-**Ameren IL Energy Efficiency Program**, Don Welch-**PACVB**, Rick Swan-**East Peoria Chamber of Commerce**, Chef Charles Robertson-**ICC**, Steve Reed-**Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center**, Jim Susin-**HOI Harvest**, Carl Bunker & Katie Hart-**R&B Productions, Inc.**

Presidents Report: Dan Kouri welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed Jenn Gordon with ArtsPartners of Central Illinois and Denise Urycki from Gifts in the Moment, they will be presenting later in the meeting. Dan also thanked Karen Nash and the Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette for hosting today's meeting.

Approval of November 17, 2015 Minutes: Dan Kouri presented the November 11th, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Steve Reed motioned for approval of the minutes. Rick Swan seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Bunker reported the treasurer's report stating there was currently \$6,902.91 in the CD, \$17,856.15 in the checking for a total of \$24,759.06. Julie Bushell motioned for approval of the report. Steve Reed seconded, and the treasurer's report was approved. Dan Kouri reported that Petersen Hotels removed themselves from the HOIHA Membership for 2017. Dan reported that due to this it affects the treasurer's position since it was held by Crystal Holly. Dan stated that we would be taking nominations from the floor and also emailing to the board. Dan also stated that if no nominations were submitted, current Secretary, Karen Nash, has agreed to assume the position and be the Secretary/Treasurer. Steve Reed nominated Matt Nash for the position, Julie Bushell made a motion for approval and a Don Welch seconded the motion, pending additional nominations from the membership Matt Nash will assume the Treasurer position.

Standing Reports:

Peoria Civic Center- Nobody in attendance from PCC, no report was given.

PACVB: Don Welch reported the PCVB will be having an event in May called "Mardi Gras in May." The event will include a 5k race, street entertainers, and food vendors all along Water Street downtown. He is expecting this event to be successful and invites everyone to join.

IHLA: Scott Dahl was unable to attend, no report was given.

HOIHA Membership: Carl Bunker reported that the association had invoiced \$11,668.25 and collected around \$9,000.00 and had approximately \$2,500.00 he was following up on for membership dues. Carl reported he would have a final update at the June meeting. Carl also reported that Eric Fine with the IL Restaurant Association informed him they had hired a representative for the downstate area and they want to work with HOIHA to build a better relationship with the association. Eric Fine had also talked to Carl Bunker regarding a possible partnership with the association to generate more members for both organizations. Carl stated he would work with Eric to coordinate a meeting with the Executive Board to work out the many details for the "partnership".

Committee Reports:

Committee List: Updated Committee Listing for 2017 was distributed.

Calendar of Events: Updated Calendar of Events for 2017 was distributed.

Winterfest: Julie Bushell reported that Winterfest had a total income of \$22,523.00, the total expenses were \$8,829.87, having a net income of \$13,693.13. Winterfest 2018 is scheduled to be held at Four Points by Sheraton on February 5th, 2018, Carl Bunker reported that dates for WF2018 are also held at Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino in the event the renovations are not completed at the Four Points. Carl Bunker reported there was \$975.00 in outstanding income but he didn't foresee any issues with payment coming in. Julie Bushell reported that she will be staying on the WF Committee but Mindy Dann is the new WF Chair, Mindy will appoint her Co-Chair at the first WF Meeting in July.

Golf Outing: Steve Reed reported the Golf Scramble will be back at WeaverRidge on August 30th with a shotgun at 12pm. Katie Hart stated she was currently working on the Save the Date for the outing and we working on setting a meeting with the committee.

Old Business: Dan Kouri reported on the IHSA VIP Basketball Room Sponsorship was agreed at \$1,500.00 for 2017, he stated that previously the donation in 2016 was a one-time sponsorship of \$3,500.00. This provides food for the coaches, sponsors, and volunteers. The association has been sponsoring this particular event since 2007.

New Business:

Jennifer Gordan with ArtsPartners of Central Illinois presented to the meeting attendees on the upcoming Sculpture Walk and how to get involved.

Denise Urycki with Gifts in the Moment also presented to the association on the how to get involved and support the Good Food Recovery Program.

With no further discussion, Don Welch motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Karen Nash seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Hart

HOIHA Association Management