

**North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce
NEXT Generation Young Professionals Board Meeting
Twin City Bank Board Room
Thursday, January 8, 2009 / 12:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Eric Andrews, John Crow, Jason Culpepper, Deanna Dring, Robin Gann, Ashley Hight, Lennon Parker, Thomas Pownall, Danielle Richard, Ryan Richard, Eric Thomas

Members Absent: Jamie Deason, Daniel Leslie

Call to Order

Danielle called the meeting to order.

Introductions of New Board Members

New board members were introduced.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were submitted for approval.

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report

On the Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison for January 1 through December 2009, the net income was \$35.00. Invoices have been mailed for quarterly dues. The net income for 2008 was \$2,082.04.

Membership Report

There were 75 members to date. Ashley suggested that Danielle create a letter to email to the Chamber membership for recruitment of new members.

Old Business

Leadership Luncheon – Thursday, December 18, 2008

The leadership luncheon was less of a turnout than usual. The Dale Carnegie speaker did a good job.

Mentor Program

There have been mixed reviews about the mentor program. It has worked for some members and not for others.

Robin suggested pairing up with someone in a like profession.

Danielle stated that we should develop a little more structure. We should have a meeting with the new Chamber Board members to find mentor participation. We also need to clarify what our expectations are and let them know.

New Business

Meet the 2009 Chairman of the Board – Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 5:00 – 7:00pm

Danielle has spoken with Dr. Bakke and he is very excited. He will give his vision of the Chamber and how NGYP can add to that vision. Flyers will be distributed at the FYI luncheon.

Leadership Lunch - February

Danielle is contacting Lieutenant Governor Bill Halter to speak on the lottery. The luncheon is tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday in February. Danielle has some backups in mind if Halter can not speak.

Lennon will check on Pulaski Technical College sponsoring the lunches.

2009 Events & Ideas

Suggestions were a semi-formal and bingo fundraiser. Ashley will need to check with Terry Hartwick on the legality of a bingo fundraiser.

Some non-profits that were suggested to work with on a project were: Argenta CDC; Habitat for Humanity; Special Olympics; Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts; and the Boys & Girls Club.

The general consensus was to focus on one non-profit for the year. A different non-profit can be focused on each year.

John will contact Brad with Argenta CDC to see what our group could do to help them.

Danielle will check with Bill or Megan of Habitat for Humanity.

A fundraiser could be held around June.

March Event

A happy hour social during the SEC Tournament or March Madness at Cornerstone was suggested. John will check into dates, food and room rental. Friday, March 20th was the date in mind. Having a bracket pool was suggested. Jason will check on the legality of having a pool with the Attorney General's office. Part of the money raised can go towards a donation. The event would start at 6:00pm. 107 Liquor agreed to sponsor the event.

Leadership Renaissance

The sessions are scheduled for January 22, February 12, and March 17. Ashley will check with Kenda to find out what kind of participation Moneica would like from NGYP.

Committee Reports

- **Marketing Report** - Lennon reported that he wants to make some changes on the NGYP website to better market NGYP. He will check with Chuck Foster about continuing to host, but Lennon would make the updates.
- **Professional Development** - Deanna will help with finding speakers, reserving the room at US Pizza and ordering lunch. Danielle suggested Jeff Hankins with Arkansas Business to speak on the economy at the 2nd quarter lunch.
- **Community Outreach** – No report.
- **Social** – John suggested a happy hour social. John is also having an annual birthday party for his dog Mojo and everyone is invited. A costume party or 80's party was suggested as a social. John will think of some more ideas.
- **Membership** - A membership drive was suggested. The Board was asked to bring in three to four new members each. Eric Andrews requested getting the Chamber's new member report each month to help recruit new members.
- **Special Projects** – No report.

Other Business

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2009, 12:00pm, Twin City Bank Board Room

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Hight