

**North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce
NEXT Generation Young Professionals Board Meeting
Twin City Bank Board Room
Thursday, February 5, 2009 / 12:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: 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

Invoices have been mailed for quarterly dues. There are several outstanding invoices for dues and sponsorship totaling \$1,880.00.

Membership Report

There were 70 members to date.

Old Business

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

Danielle reported that Dr. Bakke was satisfied with the Meet the Chairman event. However, the turnout was no very well attended.

Mentor Program

The Executive committee does want to continue the mentor program with NGYP. Danielle and Ashley will need to meet with Dr. Bakke to set the guidelines.

New Business

February 12, 2009 – Leadership Lunch

Lt. Gov. Bill Halter has been confirmed to be the guest speaker at the luncheon. The event will be sponsored by Pulaski Technical College. There are 20 rsvp's to date. Ashley asked that the list of NGYP members be divided up among the Board members to make

calls. Ashley will send another email blast out to the membership. Ashley will contact Golden Corral to cater.

March 20, 2009 – March Madness Social

The event is confirmed for upstairs at Cornerstone Pub & Grill for Friday, March 20th. 107 Liquor will be the sponsor. It was suggested to possibly work out another date. Only ¼ of the 1st round teams will be playing on Friday. The options discussed were: dismiss the bracket idea and just watch games and eat; or push the date back if we want to get further into the bracket. The cost per person with food will run about \$4-\$5. It was suggested to charge \$10, with \$5 going into the pot and the rest covering food. The time suggested to start was at 6:00 pm. John will get some updates. Lennon will work on the flier. Danielle stated that Terry had suggested having some games like a free throw competition. John said he could bring baggo and have a tournament. Prizes will go to the winners. The final consensus was to just keep the event as a social, without a bracket, with food and beverages and watch games on tv and possibly do the bracket next year. The cost will be free for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

Habitat for Humanity Project

Danielle met with Megan Cole of Habitat for Humanity. They are building a house in North Little Rock. 2nd Presbyterian Church has provide most of the funding, but they are not looking at publicity. They are also a little short on money. Arvest Bank is also building a house and Megan mentioned NGYP combining with Arvest. However, this may mean NGYP would be overshadowed and also may be a conflict of interest. NGYP could help raise the money needed for the North Little Rock house. The project could be worked on in April, June or July. April was preferred due to the weather.

John stated that the Argenta CDC project would be similar to this project, but they are not yet sure what they are going to put their arm around and therefore we would be waiting.

The Board recommended doing our own project without another group like Arvest.

The project will include a dedication and ceremony.

The workday can be in April and the fundraiser can be in June or both can be in April. Suggestions are needed for a fundraiser. We need to find out how much money still needs to be raised.

Lennon suggested a bingo fundraiser like Pulaski Technical College has done before. Lennon will email the Board the details from the bingo fundraiser.

John stated that he could sponsor and donate the beer kegs for the March Madness Social and then NGYP could take the profits raised to give towards Habitat.

Danielle will ask Megan to come to the next Board meeting in March.

May 21, 2009 – Leadership Lunch

Danielle stated that Jeff Hankins had been mentioned or someone else to speak on the economy.

Leadership Renaissance Volunteers

The next session is coming up on February 12th. Jason attended the first session. There were around 20-25 students. Jason help facilitate some of the small group discussions. If anyone is interested in helping with the next sessions, contact Kenda Ford with the Chamber.

Website

Lennon has done a great job with updating the look of the website. However, a situation has come up with the website. Currently, Chuck Foster hosts and designs the website. He has been donating his time and services for the past four or five years. His company logo is also on our NGYP website. However, Chuck has not been updating the site in a timely manner and therefore Lennon offered to step in and help.

Danielle has asked for a cost from Chuck of taking this from him. According to Chuck, the cost of the domain is around \$10 a year. The cost for hosting is around \$100/year.

When Lennon updated the look of the website, Chucks logo was removed and replaced with text. Danielle stated that there is not a problem with keeping his logo on the sponsor page.

The Board tabled discussion until Danielle and Ashley could get more information in the process of transferring the domain.

Committee Reports

- **Marketing Report** – Lennon reported that flyers and press release have gone out for the Leadership Lunch. Lennon can take headshot pictures of anyone on the Board that would like their picture on the website.
- **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 is also having an annual birthday party for his dog Mojo and everyone is invited.
- **Membership** – No report.
- **Special Projects** – No report.

Other Business

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

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Hight