

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

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Jamie Deason, Deanna Dring, Ashley Hight, Daniel Leslie, Lennon Parker, Thomas Pownall, Danielle Richard, Ryan Richard, Eric Thomas

**Members Absent:** Eric Andrews, John Crow, Jason Culpepper, Robin Gann

**Guests Present:** Megan Cole, Kelly Melhorn, Harper Zielonko

**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 totaling \$440.00. The net income to date was \$1,911.95. Luncheon & Food expenses seemed a bit high. Ashley will check on what the expenses went towards.

**Membership Report**

There were 75 members to date. The Chamber will be sending an email blast to recruit new members. Lennon will also make a flyer to send to the Board and Chamber membership to recruit members.

**Old Business**

**Mentor Program**

Dr. Bakke wants to meet with Daniel to get a structured outline going for the mentor program.

Danielle has typed up a letter to let members know what we'll be doing this year.

**February 12, 2009 – Leadership Lunch**

The luncheon with Lt. Gov. Bill Halter was fantastic. There were approximately 50 attendees.

### **Website Update**

Terry Hartwick, Danielle and Ashley had a meeting and the NGYP domain will be moved in house for the Chamber. Chuck is going to help with the transition. Ashley will have one of the Chamber IT guys also help with the transition. The new web design should be up and running by next month.

### **New Business**

#### **March 20, 2009 – March Madness Social**

The event will be free for NGYP members and \$5 for nonmembers. Beers are \$3 (\$1 to Cornerstone, \$2 to Habitat). 107 Liquor is sponsoring food and beer. Lennon will design the flyer to email to the membership.

#### **April 18, 2009 – Habitat for Humanity Workday**

Megan Cole, Kelly Melhorn, and Harper Zielonko were guests with Pulaski County Habitat for Humanity. Megan gave a rundown of what Habitat for Humanity does. Its mission is to eliminate substandard housing by providing decent, affordable housing to low-income families. Prospective home owners are not given their homes. The Family Selection Committee evaluates and selects the prospective homeowners based on: the need for quality, affordable housing; willingness to contribute 250-350 “sweat equity” hours; and the ability to qualify for and repay a 0% interest mortgage. The average cost to build a home is \$70,000.00. The funding comes primarily from churches.

Habitat is building a house on Alta Vista in North Little Rock. The next volunteer day will be on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and is set aside for landscaping and laying sod. The day starts at 8am and is over no later than 1pm or 2pm. At least 20 volunteers are needed, but no more than 30. If there is enough interest, it can be extended to two days. Volunteers need to bring thick gloves, wear long sleeves, pants and clothes to get dirty in. Water will be provided. The Chamber will provide water/snacks. After the house is complete a dedication ceremony date will be set. The Alta Vista house is still lacking \$20,000.00 in funding.

NGYP will give the proceeds from the March Madness Social to Habitat for Humanity.

Another fundraiser idea was to have a Day at the Races. Daniel stated that the Hospitality Association did this and it was \$55 per person. That included a chartered bus, beer, wine, food, Jockey Club, and a picture with the winning horse from a race.

#### **May 21, 2009 – Leadership Lunch**

Danielle suggested that the topic for the luncheon be the economy. Some of the Board members felt that they would rather hear about sports. The Arkansas Twisters coach was suggested. Danielle will make contact with Jack Lankford with the Twisters. The luncheon will be at US Pizza.

## **June - Kickball**

Kickball was suggested to have in June. Team players will need to be recruited. Ashley will get in touch with Andy Hight and John Crow to help with organizing something.

## **July**

## **August 20, 2009 – Leadership Lunch**

## **September**

## **October**

## **November 12, 2009**

## **December**

### **Open Months – June, July, September, October, December Committee Reports**

- **Marketing Report** – Lennon reported that pictures from the luncheon with the Lt. Governor are posted on facebook and myspace. Lennon is working on the flyer for the March Madness Social. The website will be up after the transfer.
- **Professional Development** – No report.
- **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, April 2, 2009, 12:00pm, Twin City Bank Board Room**

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley Hight