

**North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce
NEXT Generation Young Professionals Board Meeting
Twin City Bank Board Room
Thursday, April 2, 2009 / 12:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Guest Present: Jennifer Wright, Conway Young Professionals

Call to Order

Danielle called the meeting to order.

Jennifer Wright from the Conway Young Professionals was introduced. Jennifer sat in on our meeting to get some ideas for their organization.

Approval of Minutes

Under the Mentor Program, it should state Danielle, not Daniel.

The minutes were submitted for approval.

Motion to approve the minutes with correction was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report

The net income to date was \$2,490.95. Luncheon & Food expenses were up \$581.00 from last year. Ashley will check with Brenda on why the Luncheon & Food expenses for this year have been so high.

The amount raised at the March Madness Social for Habitat for Humanity was \$303.00.

The Board decided to present HFH a check at the end of the year after raising all of the money for them.

There are several outstanding invoices totaling \$260.00. Ashley asked the Board to take a look at the outstanding invoices.

Membership Report

There were 80 members to date. NGYP picked up five new members from the March Madness Social at Cornerstone Pub.

Old Business

March 20, 2009 – March Madness Social

Approximately 40 members and guests attended the event. This event will be one that we can continue to do with a little more planning and increase activities for next year.

Mentor Program

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

An email did go out to all NGYP members regarding signing up to be a mentee. Ashley passed around the sign up sheet.

Website Update

The website has been uploaded, but still needs to be pointed in the right direction. Chuck should have this taken care of within a few days.

New Business

April 18, 2009 – Habitat for Humanity Workday

Volunteers are still needed to sign up for the volunteer workday at the Habitat house on Alta Vista in North Little Rock.

The day 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.

Ashley passed around the sign up sheet. Ashley will check on a weather policy.

May 21, 2009 – Leadership Lunch

The Board talked about at the last meeting inviting the Arkansas Twisters coach to speak. Danielle stated that she had spoken with Terry Hartwick and they would like to shoot for Bobby Petrino. Danielle stated that Terry is going to make a call.

June - Kickball

John and Andy Hight met and discussed options for kickball. Previously, NGYP has played AYPN. However, AYPN is dissolving. Option 1 could be to have a tournament with players associated with the Little Rock Kickball Association. Option 2 would be to just do one game only.

It was discussed to plan for a tournament next year, but keep to doing just one game this year. This could end up being our one big event to have every year.

There needs to be a way to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

Ashley, Danielle and John will meet before the next meeting to discuss.

A date needs to be set. June is looking very busy with weddings.

It was suggested that NGYP play Conway's Young Professional Group. Jennifer could also get Hewlett Packard employees involved. HP would need to be a Chamber member first in order to participate, unless employees pay non-Chamber member dues.

July 18, 2009 – Arkansas Twisters Night

It was tentatively set to have an NGYP Night at an Arkansas Twisters game on Saturday, July 18th. This is also Ladies Night. The Captain's Crew will be reserved for NGYP. The food will be nixed, but there will still be discounts on tickets.

August 20, 2009 – Leadership Lunch

September

October

November 12, 2009

December

Committee Reports

- **Marketing Report** – Lennon reported that the website should be up very soon. Lennon will work on getting a flyer made for the Habitat for Humanity workday and putting together an NGYP brochure.
- **Professional Development** – Please submit any ideas to Deanna or Danielle.
- **Community Outreach** – Daniel stated that his UCP Golf Tournament was coming up. There is also an event coming up on April 25th featuring mixed martial arts events.
- **Social** – The Arkansas Twisters and Arkansas Travelers are introducing “Party at the T”. The first event will be held on April 11th at the corner of Broadway and Main. It will feature live music and kickoff the games for the evening. It was suggested that NGYP set up at some of these events to promote the group.
- **Membership** – Five new members were picked up since the last meeting.
- **Special Projects** – The Board needs to brainstorm for something during the latter half of the year. A forum was suggested.

Other Business

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2009, 12:00pm, Twin City Bank Board Room

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Hight