

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

**MINUTES**

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

**Members Absent:** John Crow, Daniel Leslie, Lennon Parker, Eric Thomas

**Call to Order**

Danielle called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were submitted for approval.

*Motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. Motion passed.*

**Financial Report**

The net income to date was \$2,750.01. This was up \$194.75 from last year. This does not include the money raised from the Kickball Classic. The Kickball Classic raised approximately \$200.00.

At the end of the year, there will be a check donation to Habitat for Humanity for all of the money raised and collected. Ashley will contact Bill Plunkett with Habitat regarding the dedication date of the house on Alta Vista in North Little Rock.

**Membership Report**

The total number of members to date was 78.

Jason tried to get an AYPN list of members from Wes Adams, but Wes has not been very responsive. It was suggested to try to get on facebook and get a list. Thomas suggested contacting William Porterfield about getting the AYPN list.

The Conway Young Professionals Association is growing quick and has approximately 50 members. One of their first social events had over 100 people in attendance.

**Old Business**

**Mentor Program**

Danielle stated that she spoke with Dr. Bakke and that the mentor program is going to be opened up to the entire Chamber membership, not just the Board of Directors. Ashley will work on getting an email sent out to the entire membership.

### **June 27, 2009 – Kickball Classic**

NGYP was defeated by Conway YPN 6-3. The consensus of the Board was to schedule a rematch in cooler weather. The month of October, with the exception of a Razorback football home game, was suggested. It was suggested to meet Conway halfway possibly in Maumelle.

Dodgeball, flag football and a golf scramble were mentioned as other games to keep in mind for next year.

### **New Business**

#### **July 18, 2009 – Arkansas Twisters Night**

There will be an NGYP Night at an Arkansas Twisters game on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. 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. Everyone will get in for \$10.00. Lennon will be contacted to design a flyer.

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

It was suggested to have a cooking class with the Culinary School on the Pulaski Tech campus. They will be opening a new location on the main campus July 1<sup>st</sup>. Lennon was working on checking on the August 20<sup>th</sup> or November 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon date to host.

Danielle suggested that the students prepare a lunch and have some demonstrations for us. Lennon will be contacted.

### **September**

Danielle stated that Arvest has paid for a sponsorship. Danielle suggested having a Personal Planning Seminar: Tips for the Young Professional in September with Asa Cotrell, Arvest Asset Management Director. It would be a lunch event. Danielle will check the calendar for some dates. We'll need a catchy title. If there is enough interest, it can be held upstairs in the Bank of the Ozarks Conference Center.

### **October**

The Kickball Classic rematch had been suggested for October. Costumes were also encouraged. The Board encouraged that other NGYP members should be involved, not just NGYP Board members. The Board stated that most events are attended during the week, not on weekends. However, it would be a little difficult for our members to drive to Conway or Maumelle after work during the week for a kickball game.

#### **November 12, 2009 – Leadership Lunch**

### **December**

### **Committee Reports**

- **Marketing Report** – No report.
- **Professional Development** – No report.
- **Community Outreach** – No report.

- **Social** – No report.
- **Membership** – No report.
- **Special Projects** – No report.

**Other Business**

Other ideas and suggestions for events:

- Speed networking
- Golf lesson with golf pro
- Bingo night – Eric will contact Lennon about how Pulaski Tech handled their bingo night fundraiser.
- River Trail Bike Rentals

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 6, 2009, 12:00pm, Centennial Bank Board Room**

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley Hight