

**North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce
NEXT Generation Young Professionals Board Meeting
Centennial Bank Board Room
Thursday, August 6, 2009 / 12:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Deanna Dring, Thomas Pownall

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 \$2,807.21. This was up \$716.67 from last year. There are just a few open invoices totaling \$130.00.

Membership Report

The total number of members to date was 77.

Danielle reported that the LR Regional Chamber was looking at launching their young professionals group in January 2010. Annual dues will be \$35.00 for individuals or a company membership will cost \$1,000.00 for all young employees.

Old Business

July 18, 2009 – Arkansas Twisters Night

The social was not a big turnout. Maybe 10-12 attended. We'll need to look at reevaluating doing this again next year. It was suggested to have a Travs night instead of a Twisters night.

New Business

August 27, 2009 – Leadership Lunch

Speaker suggestions included Paul Suskie, Amy Schlesing, Military Affairs reporter for the AR Dem. Gazette, and Mayor Patrick Hays. Ashley will check Mayor Hays schedule for August 27th. The event will be held at US Pizza McCain unless there is an overwhelming number of rsvps.

September 17, 2009 – Healthcare Forum

Danielle suggested having a Healthcare Forum. She has contacted Blue Cross & Blue Shield. They have promised a speaker. She is working on getting representation from Richard Eden, Director of the Chamber Alliance Program, a hospital, healthcare attorney, insurance broker, and Lincoln or Pryor's Offices. It was suggested to make the forum an evening event in late September. A sponsor will be needed for the event.

October 10, 2009 – Family Fun Fest

The Kickball Classic against Conway Young Professionals will hold off until next year for a rematch.

NGYP will tag team with Family Fun Fest and help with volunteering.

November ?, 2009 – Annual Elections

A date has not yet been decided. It will be a lunch event. Judge Rita Gruber was suggested as a speaker.

November 12, 2009 – Leadership Lunch

The luncheon will be held at Pulaski Technical College. They have opened a new location for the Culinary School on the main campus. Danielle suggested that the students prepare a lunch and have some demonstrations for us.

December ?, 2009 – Personal Planning Seminar: Tips for the Young Professional

The seminar will take place in December rather than September. Asa Cotrell, Arvest Asset Management Director, has been confirmed to speak. It would be a lunch event. Danielle will check the calendar for some dates. We'll need a catchy title. Arvest Bank will be the sponsor.

2010 Ideas/Suggestions

Lennon will look into how to get a license for having a bingo fundraiser. Lennon said at the Pulaski Tech. fundraiser they sold cards and had prizes.

Committee Reports

- **Marketing Report** – Lennon reported that pictures from the kickball game, AR Twisters night and Sync pictures were up on the website. Lennon will work on the next luncheon flyer and a press release for the Healthcare Forum.
- **Professional Development** – No report.
- **Community Outreach** – Daniel reported that UCP would be having their Life Auction on Saturday, August 22nd. Jamie and Daniel also stated that the Festival of Wines need volunteers for October 1st.
- **Social** – No report.
- **Membership** – No report.
- **Special Projects** – No report.

Other Business

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 3, 2009, 12:00pm, Centennial Bank Board Room

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Hight