LGAA Board Meeting

September 26th, 2012

Meeting called to order at 8:17 am.

Attendance: Linda Bennett, Lindsay Krieg, JR Anchors, Nikki Wagner, Pete Zimek, Steve Shepherd, Brite Whitaker, Sam Julien, Gerry Dedenbach, Dave Hendryx, and Mason Alley.

President's Report
- Brite reviews thank you letters LGAA as received from various grants. Brite will work on scanning them and putting them on the website. We are working to have more reporting of our own accomplishments. I.e. Connect Florida Participation, grants, scholarships, etc.
- We now have our umbrella policy to protect the board for individual coverage.

- Reminder: Make sure your meetings are active online and on the LGAA calendar.

Treasurer’s report
-Goal is to make the Quickbooks account match the budget. In many instances everything reported together instead of in separate accounts. For example there used to be a dining line, and a food line item. Dining used to be for the board, and food would be for membership. Now it's one line item. This didn't change the budget amounts, just the line total.
- It was reported that we are currently under budget. Room for great projects…
- The next things is to make sure that our P&L lines up exactly with the budget.
- Also, JR found a couple of formulas on the spreadsheet to correct.

Pete moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Gerry. All approved.

Membership Committee report

- We are hosting the upcoming Tailgate event for the Vandy game. Linda Bennett will be the point of contact for the day of the event (Oct. 13th). Haile will charge us $20 a head for adults, and $10 a head for children. The committee suggested the prepay price of $10 a head for everyone with an at the door price of $20 for adults. This was approved by everyone.

- We talked about personally inviting Tim to the tailgate. Kim is going to spearhead getting Mitch to invite Tim. Scott can also reach out to Tim if Mitch is out of town.

- The committee will also send a newsletter in the next week. Lindsay asked each chair to send upcoming events/reports to her to include.

Community Action Committee Report
- The committee is working on the topic of early childhood development for a presentation/speaker.

- They are also working on a Gator Bay having to do with the run off election. They have been struggling to get both candidates to attend. They can usually get one, but not the other.

Community Relations Committee Report
- The committee is trying some new things, including looking for volunteers for the event for Sun Country’s Howl-a-Palooza event.
- ICAC also needs volunteers for the booth they are sponsoring needs at that event. They are looking for 3-4 people.
- The committee will be redoing the grant application to include a line for volunteer opportunities.
- Steve also plans to sit down with Phil Bennett for a conversation about youth leadership.

Advisory Council Report

- Pete reported that the goal is to give value to these people who come and spend their time. We need to direct this group with a great speaker and engage them in specific information. Originally we were able to focus this group to help grow our contact database. Our idea next is to bring Tim Guliani into the group to speak about the goals of the Chamber. That will be planned for December. The hurdle now is that we haven't found a specific topic to bring to them in terms of a great presentation so we are waiting to hold a meeting. We don't want to meet, just to meet and waste peoples time. What we are looking for now is questions from the council chairs about advice or directions we are looking for.
-JR suggested that we send an update on who/What/Where the councils are heading in lieu of a meeting. Pete will spearhead collecting this information.

New Business:

- Steve make motion to appoint Nikki Wagner onto the board. Linda seconded. All approved.
- Mason and Pete; Mason has always looked for more specific leadership development from LGAA and is proposing that we start a book club of sorts at our board meeting. He nominated the first book to be Jim Collin, Great by Choice. The first reading would be two chapters. Pete and mason would put together a series of questions for you to think about as you read and then we would have a facilitated discussion. We would rotate facilitators for the series. We could invite the broader membership to monitor the meeting and invite them to sit in on the discussion for the end. Steve likes the idea of having different facilitators. The book is also available on audio. Everyone agreed to the idea and will read the first section and answer questions for the next meeting.
- Report from LG38 – The class is still working on a project. Shari Kitchens did a presentation on the combined one stop shop for the children's center. It was a good core group with about 18-20 people meeting. Consensus was that everyone liked the project, but they aren't sure how they can wrap their hands around it and be a part of the project. The class will meet again soon to recapture everyone's attention.