

## Columbus Wisconsin Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes

January 9, 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 8:30 AM

Agenda was approved as written.

### Old Business

- Marketing Membership Renewal:
  - a letter will be going out to all previous members, being sent by Kara Rake from Madison Media, Renewal information will be sent through email list and posted to various social media.
- Annual Meeting date:
  - Annual Meeting set for Jan 22, 2024 at Kestrel Ridge Golf Course from 5:30 PM Cocktails, and Appetizer Dessert Bar 6PM. \$15 Chamber members and \$30 for non members arranged by Patti Walker. Jason Scott from the Wisconsin Economic development Corporation speaker being lined up by Katie Nichols Sharrow.
- Chamber Ambassador
  - Application for High School Students: Looking for Ambassador application, and questions. Also scholarship was increased from \$500 to \$1,000 previous Sponsor Dave Maylone State Farm Insurance. Ambassador receives \$500 upfront and \$500 upon satisfactory completion of duties. Who would sponsor?
- Wine walk addition:
  - Discussion about results of the survey date seems to work.

### New Business

- Marketing commercial real estate and closing businesses of non members?
  - JD Milburn asked for permission to post non member commercial real estate and businesses for sale on social media. This was to assist temporarily as a perception of many commercial properties and businesses for sale was found. Motion by JD Milburn, Seconded by Tommy Kempfer to post non member commercial real estate and businesses for sale for 90 days, All Ayes.
- Marketing Metrics cumulative for 2023.
  - JD Milburn will prepare a simple sheet for the Annual Meeting.
- Open officer positions
  - Discussion about open officer positions, JD would like to step down from being Acting President and return to Secretary so he could fulfill duties. The Constitution By-Laws States

### ■ **“SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY.”**

- Directors in the first six (6) months of their term are not eligible for an office.”

### ■ **“SECTION 3. NOMINATIONS.”**

“Officers will be elected at the December meeting by the Board of Directors. Each office will be voted upon separately on an individual basis. All votes will be by written ballot. Odd numbered years the President and Secretary

will be nominated, while the even years will vote for the Vice-President and Treasurer.” “The term of the President shall be two (2) years” (SIC) This is the same for all officer positions.

Current Officers:

JD Milburn: Acting President and Secretary

Tommy Kempfer: Vice President

Patti Walker: Acting Treasurer

JD Milburn: Secretary

Katie Nichols Sharrow asked if she wanted to be Nominated President as she has served 6 months as a board member also asked Su Walcott if she wanted to be nominated at this time to be President, she declined due to present personal duties and situation. Vote for Katie Nichols Sharrow to become President all Ayes.

- Open spaces for board members

Current Board Members

1. Sue Walcott
2. Katie Nichols Sharrow
3. Tiffany Faust
4. Tommy Kempfer
5. JD Milburn
6. Patti Walker
7. Jon Meister

The Chamber needs board members and people to head committees and volunteers.

“ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Management of this Chamber shall be vested in the Board of Directors, to be a minimum of nine (9) and a maximum of twelve members (12), who shall be nominated by a committee of five Chamber members (non-directors) to submit recommendations to the board of directors to be voted on. Terms shall be January-December and each term is for three (3) years. One-third (1/3) of the directors shall be elected at each annual meeting. The initial terms, after the adoption of these by-laws, shall be adjusted accordingly.”(SIC)

- New Board nominations will be taken at annual meeting

[Chamber Constitution By-Laws](#)

Respectfully Submitted By:

JD Milburn, Columbus Chamber, Inc. Secretary