

Present:

Corey Cagle
Justin
Bristow
Bryonna Barton
Don Garchow
Chris Rupp
Amanda Rogers
Heather Warren



Absent:

Jerry Robinson Jr

Guests:

n/a

March 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Executive Director:

Courtney Mead

Meeting call to order by Don Garchow @ 7:35am @ ER City Hall

Next meeting April 17, 2025 @ 7:30am @ ER City Hall

Secretary's Report-

- Justin presented the meeting minutes from February's board meeting for review. A motion was made by Bryonna Barton to accept the meeting minutes as read. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report-

- Justin presented the financials ahead of time before the meeting. We paid Vanator for end of year reporting and w2 processing for Executive Director but nothing else out of the norm. We had a few more members pay their membership dues in February. The current balance in the checking account is \$10,577.34. A Motion was made by Bryonna Barton to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Corey Cagle. Motion passed.

Presidents Report-

- Board Secretary – Don stated that AJ has decided to step down from the Secretary position effective immediately. He has quite a bit going on in his personal life and career that he just isn't able to dedicate the time and effort the position needs at this time. Justin Bristow made a motion to accept AJ's decision and to also nominate Amanda Rogers to step into the position in his place. The motion was seconded by Chris Rupp. Motion passed.
- Golf Outing – Our outing will be held on Thursday June 19th at Duck Lake County Club. The golf outing committee will meet within the next week to have a discussion.
- Early RisER's – Don will continue to send reminder text messages to member about Early Risers. He has gotten good feedback from that. Courtney added that Nick from Foster's will be our speaker for this month. Bryonna also added that she met with Michigan Works and they have been hit with executive orders from the President and have lost quite a bit of funding. A representative from them will be the guest speaker at our April Early RisER's.

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Director's Report

- Courtney reported on her new and existing business contacts from the past month. During her walk arounds she continues to have good interactions and conversations with local business owners hoping to grow our membership base.
- Intern – Jessie has been working on research for member posts. She has also designed the graphic for the Annual Dinner and sponsorships. She will try to make it to the Early RisER's meeting next week and will join Courtney on her walk around as well.
- Annual Dinner: We are partnering with Lisa Barna who is writing a script for the Mystery Dinner, where the Director is murdered. Guests will try and solve who did it. Guests will receive a Suspect Card when they arrive and look for clues during cocktail hour to try and find the murderer. Jessie did a great job on the flyer. We will have a signature drink: Strawberry Margarita. There are 4 sponsorship tiers for the dinner cleverly named: Premier, Detective, Witness, and Bar.

Meeting adjourned by Don Garchow at 8:19am

Submitted by: Justin Bristow

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