

City of Tonawanda Local Development Corporation

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 13th, 2022 @ 7:05 pm

Location: 61 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Call to Order: 7:05 by Don

Board Members in Attendance: Don Benoit (DB), Mary Ann Cancilla (MC), Michelle Moore (MM), Sam Muscato (SM), Mario Pena (MP)

Excused: Fred Foels (FF), Marty Grunzweig (MG), Sean Rautenstrauch (SR) and Joseph Hogenkamp (JH)

MOTION's:

*MC moved to approve Minutes from August 10th & September 14th, 2022. Second by DB. Motion carried

*Quote for Waterfront designs – up to \$25k. MC moved to approve. Second by MP. Motion carried

*Budget of up to \$3,000.00 for Meet & Greet. MC moved to approve. Second by MP. Motion carried

MC ABO needs to be completed by MM and MG. MM has signed up for 11/04/22, MG needs to complete soon.

MC Lindsey needs to submit letter to resign from COT LDC

MC/SM Meet & Greet – Wednesday, November 9th at The Mahogany, 1st Floor EJ Room, 190 Minerva Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150. RSVP by 11/1/22 by email or texting

MC Contact Mulberry and see if owner wants to join business committee. MM send contact information to MC.

SM Contact Timeless Babes and discuss COT LDC sponsoring a holiday window decorating contest. With prizes

DB Will reach out to Laura Wilson from NT's Lumber City Development and set up an appointment to meet with her. In hopes of obtaining some assistance and guidance.

MB Charged \$25 for Long Homestead, previous meeting. MB will fwd receipt of payment to MC for reimbursement

MM Charged for rolls of stamps, envelopes and labels for Meet & Greet mailing. MM will fwd receipts of payment to MC for reimbursement

MM Invitations to Meet & Greet mailed. MM forward list of all businesses and COT and NYS Leaders that were invited.

MC Will post Meet & Greet invite on Facebook

Meet & Greet Discussions:

Donate gift cards for Meet & Greet DB donating grand price of \$100 from Prescott Provisions, MM \$50 from The Dome on Main Street, SM donating a gift card, MC picking up a \$50 gift card from Joey's Place.

Finger foods, char coterie board, sliders, wraps, etc... to be discussed with Brett/Kim Zuckerman of Twin City Deli (50 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150 – 716-957-3861).

Expecting approximately 50 guests, over 250 invited.

Cost for Banquet Hall at The Mahogany TBD, hall includes tables, chairs, sanitized surfaces, wifi

Wants: Cocktail Tables, and a few sit down tables for elders. Mostly standing, want guest to mingle.

Desserts – Queen of Tarts – tray of each tarts

Wine/Beer & Seltzer's approximately \$200-250. Purchase through Consumers

Bartender – DB will see how much for one person - \$100 + tips

Games/Ice Breakers

Bring Cozies, pens and business cards

Have signup sheets, and a "Business Formation Committee"

Next Meet & Greet possibly February or March 2023

Adjournment: Motioned by SM at 8:30 pm, Seconded by DB

Next Meeting: Meet & Greet – Wednesday, November 9th, 2022. December Meeting TBD