## **Howard Suamico Business and Professional Association**

Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – 8-9:30 a.m. Howard-Suamico School District Office

<b>Board Members:</b>		Ad Hoc:
Nick Klimek - President	Cindy Schmidt	Julie Gerczak
Katie Longsine - Vice President	James Lewis	<b>Bob Strazishar</b>
Connor Larsen - Treasurer	Michell Bartlein	Dave Weise/Paul Evert
Damian LaCroix/Kim Decur- Secretary	Clint Kimps	
Justin Spettel	Alex Kaker/Nick Lemke	
Mitch Mennen	Blake Olejniczak	
Ryan Tachick	Anna-Lisa Hunter	

- I. Call to Order Nick Klimek, President \*8:00 am
  - a. Seconded by Michell Bartlein approved
- II. Secretary's Report \*8:02 am
- II. Treasurer's Report Connor Larsen \*8:03 am
  - a. \$60 ahead in postage
  - b. Raised about \$9600 at Casino Night after reimbursements!
    - i. Connor will confirm number of scholarships soon in order to share info on Facebook
  - c. Per request, criteria for scholarships were reviewed
  - d. Call for additional participants in Scholarship Committee
- III. Community Reports 8:14 am
  - a. Village of Suamico Nick Lemke/Alex Kaker
    - i. Movie Matinee next Tuesday
    - ii. Saputo Cheese is closing factory in 2024
  - b. Village of Howard Paul Evert
    - i. Reminder: public safety referendum on April ballot
    - ii. New Family Dollar building approved on Cardinal Ln
    - iii. Mobile station on Velp and Memorial has closed
    - iv. Director of Howard Commons interviews have begun
  - c. Howard-Suamico School District Kim Decur
    - i. Damian appreciates HSBPA's support of BP student scholarships via the Casino Night event. He attended for a while and appreciates the efforts.
    - ii. Cara Wreen, Bay Port senior, is a Coca Cola Scholar. Only 150 students nationwide are recognized. She will receive a \$20,000 scholarship and a trip to Atlanta to meet the other scholars.
    - iii. Moriah David, William Schlueter, and Cara Wreen are National Merit Finalists.
    - iv. The Bay Area Ice Bears are girls hockey state champs!
    - v. The Bay View Middle School musical, Footloose, opens tomorrow night.
    - vi. Prevea donated 400 safety bags to be placed in classrooms in the event of an emergency.
    - vii. 2myles4autism will take place April 29 at 9 a.m. at Meadowbrook.
    - viii. The Giving Tree was selected as one of 45 non-profits through Give BIG Green Bay TGT earned \$17,000.
    - ix. Kristin Possely and Heather Potts are Golden Apple winners.
  - d. Discover Green Bay Julie Gerczak
- VI. Committee Reports \*8:21 am

- a. Events \*8:21 am
  - i. Indoor Golf Recap
    - 1. About 30 attendees
    - 2. Positive feedback
    - 3. Maybe didn't allow for much networking
    - 4. Potential for future winter event (possibly on a Saturday afternoon to allow for more golf time)
    - 5. Major bonus: easy event to pull together
  - ii. Casino Night Recap
    - 1. Michell: toughest fund raiser to put together, next year should have different approach to planning
      - a. Delegate differently more board members contributing time and in the wheelhouse of their strengths
      - b. Too many forms of communication Slack before email
        - i. Specific raffle Slack channel next time
      - c. Mention sponsors at the beginning next year
        - i. Do better job of showcasing sponsors
      - d. Sign-up Genius for planning beforehand next time since that worked well
      - e. Future venue donors should possibly receive a pair of tickets to event
      - f. List retail value of baskets to get increased donations
    - 2. Attendance was good
    - 3. Table set-ups seemed to work pretty good
    - 4. Very generous food donations with good variety
    - Next year advertise in advance that proceeds go toward scholarships and The Giving Tree
  - iii. Taste of The Villages Booze donation
    - 1. Interested attendees should let Nick know ahead of time table could fill quickly
    - 2. Coming up April 20 at Rock Garden
  - iv. Future Events??
    - 1. Brewer Bus? Maybe in May, TBD
    - 2. Cribbage? Possibly in April
- b. Communications \*8:55 am
  - i. Newspaper Recap
    - 1. Trying to include more QR codes to make it more interactive
    - 2. Raise rates? Bob recommends approx. 7-8% increase to cover print and postage increases
      - a. Cost to print and send paper has increased 15%
      - b. Last increase was 10% in April 2022 no complaints
      - c. 7% rate increase approved by group
- c. Member Engagement \*8:59 am
  - i. Casino Night
    - 1. Thank yous: Email or card should be sent thanking sponsors/donors
    - 2. Some non-renewing members did renew
  - ii. Give plaques to new members
  - iii. HSBPA apparel open to takers if anyone is interested
  - iv. Branded folders, ribbons and giant scissors should be used more
- IV. President's Comments \*9:00 am
  - a. New Member Application J&A Welding Fabricating, Inc.
    - i. Approved
  - b. New Member Application Modify Life Coaching
    - i. Located in De Pere not in geographic area
    - ii. Disapproved

- c. Board Exercise: What do you have going on at your business? \*9:06 am
  - i. NorthShore Bank celebrating 100 years this year
    - 1. 4% money market interest rate for the year extended through March
  - ii. Savoye bean bag tournament coming up at Townline
    - 1. Money donated to Alliance for the Great Lakes
    - 2. Looking to fill 32 team bracket this year
    - 3. Great networking event
    - 4. Michell has QR code if interested
  - iii. Ace Hardware 83<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Event
- V. Adjournment \*9:15 am