



Board of Directors Meeting
Goshen, NY
January 15, 2019 | 4 pm

Present: Robert Kaehler, Melissa Cobuzzi, Jeff Crist, Andrew Fetherston, Michael Gilfeather, Alan Seidman, James Smith, Mark Stellwag, Gary Tetz, Michael Turturro, Mark Wienberg (call in), Derrick Wynkoop
Absent: Anthony Campagiorni, Todd Diorio, Austin DuBois, Chris Fiorillo, Heather Howley, Jonah Mandelbaum, Al Muhrad, Justin Rider
Staff Present: Maureen Halahan

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm. **Robert Kaehler**

Approval of Minutes: **Robert Kaehler**

The minutes of the December 2018 board meeting were presented and accepted on a motion made by Jeff Crist, seconded by Derrick Wynkoop.

Financials: **Melissa Cobuzzi**

Chairman Kaehler said that moving forward there will be a finance committee.
The financials were presented and approved on a motion made by Alan Seidman, seconded by Derrick Wynkoop, financials were unanimously carried.

Chairman's Report: **Robert Kaehler**

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Congratulations to Maureen on being named the Distinguished Leader Honoree for the United Way. The celebration date for this award is May 1st and more details will be available soon.
- Congratulations to Alan Seidman for being honored at the Spring Fling Gala for his dedication to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan County. The date for this celebration is March 30th at Anthony's Pier 9.

President's Report: **Maureen Halahan**

- The three-year strategic plan along with the marketing plan have been discussed and more details will be presented in February.
- 17 Forward 86: There will be a power point presentation on the project next month. The group has hired a marketing firm and things are moving forward with the support of the County Executive.
- Education and Economic Development Committee: Maureen updated the committee and all of the legislators were fully supportive of the Partnership at the last meeting.
- As things move along with the ABO, the feel of everything is getting better. County Executive is invited and welcome to come to our meetings to give economic development updates so that we are more of a cohesive team.
- Workforce Initiative: progress is being made on the STEM program for 2019
- Frassetto Building: the space has been leased and is coming off the market shortly. Awaiting Frassetto to announce the tenants.
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Updates will be shared as they come in.
- New Leads: Alan Seidman inquired about the number of carry over leads that we have from year to year.

Nominating Committee Report **Michael Gilfeather**

- Timing of the ABO decision will affect when potential board members are approached. For the time being it is ok to discuss who we should approach.
- Board discussed potential nominees
- Chairman Kaehler reminded the Board to please remember the criteria that has been established when considering nominees.

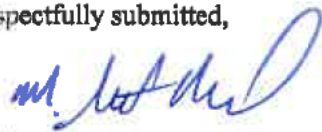
Old/New Business: **Robert Kaehler**

- There was no old business to discuss
- New Business:

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- There was discussion regarding social media and the portrayal of the Partnership in media in general. There is a feeling that we need to educate the public on why it is a good idea to build in Orange County. The focus should be that it is an opportunity for future generations to live and work in Orange County.
 - Gary Tetz inquired if that is something, we can present at planning board meetings.
 - Alan Seidman informed him that Maureen did do that but the audience at such meetings was low and it was not as productive as hoped.
 - Andrew Fetherston mentioned that now may be a good time to put something in the Montgomery newspaper considering Bluewater and Medline are projects taking place there.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Tetz, seconded by Michael Gilfeather and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



M. Justin Rider