

Opportunity Grosse Ile
Minutes
November 2, 2009

MEETING called to order at 7:15 pm – East River Board of Education

PRESENT Ron Baker, Andrew Johnson, Dena Dardzinski, Greg Goyert, Pam Frucci, Ann Loftus, Craig Pilkington, John Gatti, Dan Murphy, Ron Janowski, Ernie Horvath, Eric Anderson, Irene Will, Chad Novak, Donna Hinson and Susie Harrison

AGENDA presented with emphasis on appointing Board of Trustees

MINUTES from October 19th meeting approved and seconded

WEBSITE Ron Baker brought us up to date on the continued improvements in this beautiful website. Suggested calendar of events for the front page. More and more links appearing.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES - because Articles of Incorporation had not been returned from the State it was recommended that this function be delayed until such arrives. The Incorporators (namely President, Vice President, Secretary-no Treasurer at this time) vote on the Board of Directors but cannot until we are official. There are 17 names on the proposed Board of Directors. Final resolutions to be presented at next meeting.

Concern over who will elect the Board one year from now if all isn't in place. Also the fact that Township Trustees cannot sit on our Board. Pam Frucci reported that our Supervisor, Brian Loftus, said that she could be a non voting liaison entity.

SUGGESTED NAMES of participants Donna Hinson, Sara Gilroy, Courteney McNeill, Eric Anderson, Karen Risko – hey, let's get their names out there – if they see it in black and white, they might just join in.

CRAIG PILKINGTON reported on a very good IRS Seminar that he attended which discussed federal webmaster mandates. How to manage content. And to channel to exterior entities. The need for non governmental messages. But that the GI Township website would be a responsive partner with OppGI. And the need to identify groups to be engaged.

GROSSE ILE TWP. WEBSITE Pam Frucci reported she attended a meeting October 28th on this website and that like a 3 legged stool, there is the need to link up the School, Township and OppGI in one site. That the target for completion is March, 2010.

ANN LOFTUS reported on the letter that she is composing to send to the Island Businesses and Organizations introducing Opp GI. Details to follow.

GROSSE ILE WELCOMING CENTER to be located in Victoria Commons and that perhaps our next meeting could include a tour of this site. That the site would be ours for no rent or utility cost. Lots of ideas for furnishing handouts and seating for this space. To encourage the businesses to provide handouts explaining their services – organizations to greet people and welcome them to their groups – maps, etc.

FUNDING Chad Novak reported that the OK has come from the Pilot House to let us use their space with no charge for a "TASTE OF GROSSE ILE" to benefit the Grosse Ile Educational Foundation Saturday, February 20th, 2010. And a creative idea to have a "BALL NAUTIQUE" at the Olds Mansion the weekend of the 4th of July.

FUND RAISING IDEAS Irene Will reported on a successful "non fund – fund raising" used by the Women's History Month group. Each person to send out to 10 people in their own names asking for donations. That this raised the necessary monies without hassle or strain for the participants.

ERIC ANDERSON felt that it is important that we do not lose our focus and Ron Baker stated that we need our people for Public Relations.

ERNIE HORVATH gave a Creative Thinking presentation. With observations, research and ideas to help Grosse Ile. More to follow.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009 @ 7:00

ADJOURNMENT at 9:33 pm

Respectfully submitted
Susie Harrison