

**Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 14, 2006
Bayport Public Library, Bayport**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Curt Geissler.

Roll call was taken by Angie Tremblay. Board members present were Curt Geissler, Mike Johnson, Curt Swanson, Jennifer Severson, Mark Berthelsen, Laura Domagala, Patsy Rollwagen and Scott Zahren.

Board Members absent were Gail Pundsack, Corey Oscarson, Randy Gutzmann, Sheryl E-Marshall, Michelle Rose Jorgensen.

Agenda and Minutes: A motion was made by Curt Geissler to approve the agenda and February minutes. Curt Swanson seconded the motion. Minutes and Agenda were passed.

2. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Director's Report –Executive Director, Jennifer Severson presented the monthly Director's Report (see attached).

The Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce had a very successful month in February for membership. We welcomed 14 new members to the Chamber!

Financial Report: (see attached)	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Income from operations YTD	53,604	53,198
Expenses YTD	3,569	15,010
Membership YTD	35,750	41,023

Committee Reports:

Marketing – Sheryl E-Marshall and the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce has mailed out the Request For Proposal letters to golf courses in Stillwater and the surrounding areas for the upcoming golf tournament.

3. Unfinished Business:

2006 Strategic Planning Process – Jennifer compiled the responses to open questions of the 2006 Member Survey from the Historic District businesses. Upon review, many of the suggestions and comments will be taken into hard consideration and it resulted in a very good form of communication between the Chamber and businesses.

Board Member Action – The Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce has not received Andrew Dyb's formal written resignation and thinks he may still want to be a part of the Board. We will keep in contact with him to discuss further.

4. New Business:

Minnesota Chamber 2006 Legislative Priorities – As a result of action taken by 2005 legislature, we have a historic opportunity to dedicate over \$300 million per year in new funding to highways and transit without raising taxes. On November 7, 2006, Minnesotans will vote to amend the state's Constitution to dedicate 100% of the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST) to highways and transit. If approved by the voters, it will be phased in over a five-year period. Discussion was brought forth from the article.

Thank You Cards – Patsy Rollwagen brought forth discussion on the process and significance of thank you cards. Board members were in agreement and Jennifer, Angie along with Patsy will make sure that is taken care of.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Berthelesen and seconded by Curt Geissler. Meeting was adjourned.