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Greater Muskogee Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:30 pm
ZOOM Call

Members Present: Greg Eby, TyJuan Walker, Jason Hughes, Joy Sloan, Michele Keeling, Steve White, Tammye Howell, Dr. Ronald Ramming, J. Tyler Hammons, Jon Stogsdill, Alma Pickle
Ex-Officio Non-Voting: Angela Wilson, Marie Synar

Not Present: Gary Dunlap, Joseph Fuller, Chris Kelley, Stacy Burns, Eric Anderson, Tony Pivec, Dr. Jared Mendenhall, Corey Sisson, Scott Robinson

Staff: Justin O'Neal, Sherry Pilant, Corynne Jewson, Amanda Johnson, Amber Crall

Guests: Robert Clothier, Clother & Co. CPA

I. **Call to order – Greg Eby**
- 3:38 pm

II. **Approval of Minutes – Greg Eby**
- Motion to approve minutes for the February 21, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting was made by Joy Sloan. Jason Hughes seconded.
  The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 11. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None.
  The motion carried unanimously.

III. **Acceptance of February 2020 Chamber Financials – Jason Hughes**
Jason Hughes presented financial reports for February 2020.
- Tammye Howell made a motion to accept the financial report. Alma Pickle seconded.
  The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 11. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None.
  The motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Acceptance of March 2020 Chamber Financials – Jason Hughes**
Jason Hughes presented financial reports for March 2020.
- Steve White made a motion to accept the financial report. Jon Stogsdill seconded.
  The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 11. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None.
  The motion carried unanimously.

V. **President's Executive Report – Angela Wilson**
- Angela Wilson presented the Executive Report
  - Total Chamber Members: 502
  - Total 2020 Membership Dues collected: $130,110
  - 2020 Membership Dues Outstanding: $30,886
  - Total Non-Dues Revenue Collected: $72,087
  - New Members Since Last Meeting: 4
  - New Member Dues Collected in 2020: $2,622
  - Outstanding Non-Dues Revenue for 2020: $7,810
  - Total Tourism Revenue/Reimbursement: $54,889

- The Chamber Banquet will be held on Thursday, July 30th at the Castle of Muskogee. Individual tickets and sponsor tables are available to purchase online. Please attend this great annual event.
- Angela is attending conference calls every Monday and Wednesday with other Chamber Presidents from around Oklahoma discussing current topics and next steps.
- Angela has been participating in several Oklahoma Department of Commerce Calls each week along with several other calls to stay up to date on all the information being shared. The Chamber is doing our best to stay relevant and communicate this information to our members. We are here for everyone during this time, especially for our members.
- Angela has been working with Marie Synar and City Councilor Marlon Coleman on the creation of the Muskogee Economic Recovery Task Force. I will keep the board up to date on the details of the task force.
- As soon as it is safe to do so, we will start transitioning to working in the office again. At this time, it may be a few staff members at a time and then when it is safe to do so, we will open the doors to the public.

VI. **Membership Report – Amanda Johnson**

Amanda Johnson presented the following new members for approval: Spot-On – Tara Gilbert, Harlin Law Firm, Muskogee Cabinet & Trim, Tropical Smoothie

- Jason Hughes made a motion to accept the new members. J. Tyler Hammons seconded.
  The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 11. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None.
  The motion carried unanimously.

Amanda Johnson recommended the following members be dropped: Edward Jones – Gaither, Rayfield Baptist Church, Muskogee Family Medicine, Hoope's Hardware Store, The RAK

- Joy Sloan made a motion to drop members as presented. Jason Hughes seconded.
  The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 11. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None.
  The motion carried unanimously.

VII. **Program & Committee Reports**

Staff presented Program/Committee reports(Attached).

VIII. **Tourism Reports**

Amber Crall presented the Tourism financial report for February 2020.

- Jason Hughes made a motion to accept the February 2020 Tourism Financial Report. Steve White seconded.
  The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 11. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None.
  The motion carried unanimously.

Amber Crall Presented the Tourism financial report for March 2020.

- TyJuan Walker made a motion to accept the March 2020 Tourism Financial Report. Joy Sloan seconded.
  The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 11. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None.
  The motion carried unanimously.

Justin O'Neal presented the Tourism Director's Report as follows:

- Justin announced that Madison Dawson has been hired as the Tourism Development Manager.
- Justin announced that all tourism marketing campaigns have stopped for now.

IX. **Acceptance of 2019 Chamber Audit – Robert Clothier**

Robert Clothier presented the 2019 Chamber Audit Report.

- Motion to accept the 2019 audit report was made by Jason Hughes. J. Tyler Hammons seconded.
  The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 11. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None.
  The motion carried unanimously.

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X. **Other Reports:**
City of Muskogee: No Report.
Port of Muskogee/Industrial Development: Marie Synar reported that while there is no travel recruitment happening, they are still virtually meeting with several prospective companies, and doing virtual site visits. There is one prospect where Muskogee is in the top 7 finalists for their new location.

Adjourned 4:25 pm.

Minutes approved by:

Angela Wilson
President & CEO
Board Secretary

Greg Eby
Board Chair