



AIA grand rapids

A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

Purpose: Board Meeting
Location: TowerPinkster
Date: April 1, 2014
Time: 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Brian Swem - President
Mike Belisle – Vice President
Gary Gerber - Continuing Education Director
Neale Bauman – Treasurer
Greg Metz - AIA MI Director
Kate Betts – Sponsorship Director
Lindsay Anes - Public Relations Director
Mark Rysberg – Professional Affiliates Director
Deborah Dik - Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Joyce Lee – AIA MI Director
Megan Wall - Associates Director
Jeff Montague - Secretary
David Maxam - Past President

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 13 from 12 to 1 p.m. (location: OAK).
2. Approval of February Minutes: Neale moved to approve the February meeting minutes. Kate seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget/Investments:
 - Projection was that we would have \$7,900 profit.
 - Actual budget shows a \$2,900 profit.
2. Sponsorship Updates:
 - Current Sponsors: Acoustics by Design (\$500), Belden Brick (\$500), Engineering Supply (\$500), Rockford Construction (\$500), River City Reproductions (\$500), West Michigan Lighting (\$1,000 - verbal from Neale), Driesenga & Associates (\$300 – bowling).
 - Kate has some ideas for incentives and will send this to the board along with a new list of potential sponsors that she would like to target.
 - Kate suggested we change the levels and handed out a new sponsorship letter and levels for the board to review.
3. Building Tours:
 - Megan reviewed a list of potential tours for Design Week
 - a) Monday, May 5: OAK's renovated downtown offices.
 - b) Tuesday, May 6: St Adalbert's.
 - c) Wednesday, May 7: Kendall's Woodbridge N. Ferris Building (old historic building).
 - d) Thursday, May 8: GRAM (includes a raffle for a store gift certificate and an annual membership).
 - e) Friday, May 9: 41 Sheldon--ArtPrize hub and compass film.
 - GRAM is asking that we charge a minimum of \$8 (cost of admission) for the GRAM tour.
4. Lunch and Learns:
 - April 25: Porter SIP's structural insulated panels and Superior Walls foundation system.
 - Gary is working on a presentation by a FSU colleague and April doesn't fit either of their schedules.
 - May 23: Chris Cosper on design in the post-disaster environment.
 - September 26, October 24, November 21, and December 19: TBD.
5. Michigan Board Updates:
 - No report.

6. Next Honor Awards Program:
 - We had a committee meeting and discussed the timeframe for doing the honor awards. The committee feels that ArtPrize is not necessarily the best time to have the honor awards and that Design Week would be more appropriate.
 - The board decided that we would still do a September honor awards in 2014 and then eight months later in May of 2015.
 - The honor awards committee will meet one more time to hammer out the call for entries so Deb can get it out to our members ASAP.
 - Brian will put together a letter regarding the changes in dates so that we inform our members in advance.
7. Upcoming Events:
 - Bowling Event: There are 17 people signed up so far, but no one from the AIAGR board has signed up.
 - Lindsay asked if she should be promoting the events for Design Week. Greg will get her the information.
 - Mid-Century Modern lecture is May 1.
 - Deb will send another email of upcoming events with just the bowling event and the Mid-Century Modern lecture.
8. Elections:
 - We have one candidate for membership services director.
 - There are no candidates for vice president.
9. Items Not on the Agenda:
 - Materials Connection Library at Kendall: Megan took a tour of the library and met John Barry while she was there. John Barry suggested that AIA members have access to or at least a discount for the membership (10% discount) to the library if we would promote it. The board agreed that we could promote it for a membership discount.
 - Brian was approached by someone from WGVU. National is rolling out a show called "Cool Spaces" and other architectural programming. They want to know if we could partner with them (to sponsor their efforts). Randy Case from MAF said we could potentially get a chapter grant from MAF for the program. Brian will send some information to the board.

The above is my interpretation of the meeting. If there should be any questions or deviations from what was presented, please contact me within five days or the above will be assumed correct.

Written and Issued by:

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