

Westside Association Meeting Minutes November 6, 2014
Meeting called to order by President Connie Drexler @ 12:00
Approval September 2014 minutes passed (moved/2nd/passed)

Treasurer's Report:

- No detailed report
- over \$5,000.00 in account

Chamber Report:

- Holiday Parade 11/13/14
- Business Expo- Jan 24- only 12 booths left

Membership: no new members

New Business:

- Literacy Council- donation request for \$250.00 (motion- Mike/2nd-Maribeth/passed)
- contacted GO-EDC (Melissa Kohn) about having a seat on the board for Westside- waiting to hear back
- Nominations for officers and board for 2015
 - President- Connie Drexler
 - Vice President- Kathy Hanson
 - Secretary- Julie Belville
 - Treasurer- Mike Schmidt
 - board of directors:
 - Connie Drexler
 - Mike Scharff
 - Julie Belville
- Developer's Panel update
 - Thursday Jan 8-2015-7:30 AM
 - LaSure's
 - 8 - 9 developers to make up panel -in process of contacting
 - questions about
 - what's going on in town
 - updates from last year
 - email suggested questions to Nancy Jo
 - Sean will be the moderator again

Guest Speaker: Michael Rust-Executive Director of Winnebago County Conflict Resolution Center

- Not a county department
- 501(c)3
- located in the county courthouse
- began in 1991
- board of directors made up of judges, court commissioners, county supervisors and community members
- What they do:
 - trainings
 - mediations-everything(except placement and custody)
 - largest is small claims
 - over 50 mediators- all volunteers- from all types of occupations
 - foreclosures for 8 counties
 - divorce
 - elder mediation(largest growing mediation within the county)
 - living arrangement
 - care giving
 - harassment/restraining orders (always go to the judge first- do not mediate safety issues)
- Mediation: facilitated negotiation
 - Mediator: facilitator, remains neutral, encourages listening, supports understanding
 - does not put values on case, decides the outcome, give legal advice
- Trainings:
 - over 900 mediators trained
 - trainings for business organizations (conflict/communication/leadership)
 - cost \$775.00 for training used for professional use
 - cost- \$100.00 if going to volunteer with center- 1 year commitment

Community Impact:

- grant from Winnebago County
 - handle all cases orders from court
 - no charge for first 3 hours
- handle private cases (if they meet the criteria- first 3 hours are free)
- other grants
- over 9000 mediations since 1991
 - 415 cases in 2013
 - 467 cases to date in 2014
 - over 75% of cases settled

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Notes from Sam's Club Meeting November 11, 2014

Speaker: Attorney Deborah Tomczyk-

Sam's Club- 8th largest retailer - 621 clubs

12 clubs in Wisconsin

Wholesale membership club

\$45.00 member fee

Carry the best products in large quantities

In 2013 members saved an average of 33% vs. traditional retail
committed to small businesses

Small business loans offered through Superior Financial

Free monthly health screenings

also popular with large families, school groups churches

offer daily tastings

click and pull shopping

member only deals

Hours are 7AM - 10PM

members come from longer distances-potentially increasing traffic for other retail locations

Jobs:

Average store has 175 associates

\$12.68 average hourly wage

benefits- even for part time workers

70% of management comes from being promoted from within

Club Giving:

provides grants to nonprofit partners

3600 small business owners get training

since 2010 Sam's Club and Sam's Club Giving Program has invested more than 10 million

Leader in sustainability

look for local suppliers

LED lighting

goal of 0 waste- recycle almost everything

Oshkosh Store: located on the old Wal-Mart site on Koeller

Store will be in line with Rogan's- running parallel with Hwy 41

135,000 sq ft store

Departments: deli, bakery, general merchandise, grocery, tires/batteries

Small fueling station - members only

Pharmacy- open to everyone

adding 20% green space

storm water management- ponds on the north end

looking to begin construction spring 2015

takes 1 year of construction from start to finish

generally other retailers like to locate near a Sam's Club