

Voyage  **Forward**
Koochiching County

Journey to Success

Destiny Driver Meeting
Grow & Diversify Businesses & Jobs in Koochiching County

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
7:00 AM @ KEDA

Minutes

Attendance: Paul Nevanen, Allen Rasmussen, Melody Woods, Sue Collins, Brian Rauzi, Roma Korzinski, Shawn Mason

Welcome and Call to Order: Chairman Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.

Minutes: Melody recorded the minutes of the September 28, 2016 meeting via audio, available through a Google link she sent out following the meeting.

Retention Efforts: The Grow MN/Business Retention Visit list was distributed. See attached. Paul will recommend a couple more businesses in the out county area to visit yet this year. Ashley Farmer at the Chamber will coordinate. The Chamber and this Destiny Driver group are using the two-page Grow MN form during interviews, as it is concise and includes the appropriate questions. Completed forms will be sent to the Grow MN coordinator and to Paul. Information gathered at the interviews is to be handled confidentially and spoken about in general terms for the purpose of solving issues outlined during the business visits. Brian recommended adding the hospital to the visit list, with the committee agreeing it would be good timing to visit businesses in the healthcare industry early in 2017.

Recruitment Efforts: Paul distributed a list of companies KEDA is currently nurturing relationships with. See attached. The companies are on the e-newsletter list, and Paul continually touches base with them. Paul noted the importance of also building relationships early on with emerging companies/technologies, (unmanned aerial vehicles/instruments for example).

Summer Network Social: The group revisited the idea of hosting a social for folks who have chosen to “summer” here and have wealth, expertise and connections. Paul shared a “starter list” of those who have invested in our area as summer residents. We learned at the last meeting, Hugh Haller, Camping & Education Foundation President/CEO is interested in hosting a similar social at Ogichi-Daa-Kwe for the purpose of educating summer residents about the restricted foundation fund that is being developed to help send local children to camp. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the group to continue moving forward with the idea, establish the meeting purpose/value and have a discussion with Hugh on how/if the two intentions can be combined into one social at the girls’ camp in early June.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 AM at KEDA.

Paul adjourned the meeting at 8:00 AM.

Companies on KEDA Database

Regional

Arctic Cat
Digikey
LaValley
Mattracks
New Flyer
Polaris
Team Industries

Canadian

Arnone
Big Freight
Bombardier
Centre Port
CN Rail

Logistics

AD Rutherford
Axiz Global
CH Robinson
Dart
DSC Logistics
Central Warehouse
Fed Ex
Freightmasters
Koch Logistics
Livingston
Murphy Warehouse
Nexus
UPS
WSI
Yusen (NYK)