

Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce
MetroOne Committee Meeting; Wednesday, January 26, 2010; 5:30 p.m.; Chamber

Members Present: Bill Simmons, John Trombetta, Zach Miller, Erika Biddix, Anne Shenton, Emily Browning, Richard Welch, Siroccos Barnes, Monica Boyd, Joanna Nijem and ReKasa Deen

Meeting was called to order and subcommittee chairs were asked to share their reports:

- **Networking & Community Engagement**—Barnes and Forman Reporting
 - Talked about MetroOne Monday at Stage 51; good event with many new people
 - Announced Feb. 2 basketball game and CEOs Unplugged scheduled for Feb. 7
 - Making plans for March social event, St. Patrick's Day at bleu cafe sept.17
 - Progressive dinner: April 18, 25 people max
 - Chilis
 - Longhorn, outback, Texas roadhouse
 - Cheddars
 - Stage 51
 - Announced the next Networking & Community Engagement Subcommittee meeting: Feb 8 next meeting, at noon at heidis
- **YP Advocacy**—Nijem Reporting
 - **The group brainstormed about ideas for advocacy efforts:** Network tv station, look back at surveys, outdoor amphitheater (outdoor concert series)
 - Erika checking for symphony--John W. Saunders
 - The group decided that 100 things to do in Valdosta was a good first step for advocacy and chose this project for the 2011 advocacy project
- **Professional Development**—Biddix Reporting
 - March 29 professional development seminar
 - Ryan Williams
 - Brad Lofton
 - Jeff Sikes
 - Joe Bealson-Deen noted that he may not be a chamber member, but she would check
 - Simmons said he would talk to ADM executive board about presenting
 - Group wants to charge 15 per person, Deen said she would check the budget
 - Need \$150 for professional development seminar, want to market by Feb. 15
- **Marketing & Membership**—Shenton Reporting
 - Shenton noted that MetroOne now has a Facebook fan page and asked everyone go online and “like” the page.
- **Other notes:**
 - Simmons said that he would develop a debrief about the Chamber Board planning retreat
 - Deen had not gotten all prices for nametags, and said she would send prices to Biddix and Biddix would check with her company.

Respectfully submitted,

ReKasa Deen