

MINUTES
LA CROSSE CENTER BOARD MEETING
4:00PM, Monday, February 25, 2013
LA CROSSE CENTER BOARDROOM

Members Present: Brent Smith, Doug Farmer, Phil Addis, Dave Pretasky and Bill Hoel.

Others Present: Art Fahey and Michael Ferris – La Crosse Center, Bob Flottmeier – Trane Company, Brad Williams – WIZM Radio, Greg Kozelek – City of La Crosse Engineering Department, Jim Tempke - HSR and Associates.

Meeting called to order by President Smith.

Minutes

Minutes from the December 27, 2012 board meeting approved.

Financials

The final numbers for year 2012 are not yet available as books have yet to be closed.

Convention Update

The Center converted one tentative convention for 2013 into a booking, dropped four tentative conventions for 2014 while remaining the same for booked conventions and converted two tentative conventions into bookings for 2015.

The Convention Bureau and La Crosse Center will be hosting their third Speakers Bureau next month at the new Weber Center for the Performing Arts.

Directors Report

Director Fahey reported on the successful Organic Farming convention which just concluded and was attended by over 3,500 people. The La Crosse Center recently hosted two high school basketball games that were each attended by over 5,000 people.

Chiller Proposal and request of funds from prior year's room tax account.

The board heard from Messrs. Flottmeier, Tempke and Kozelek about the state of disrepair of the Center's 33 year old chiller and replacement and service options for a new chiller. The board then went into closed session to discuss the matter and voted to approve purchase of a new chiller from Trane Company.

Repair of Chiller Coil and request of funds from prior year's room tax account.

The board approved moving \$22,600.00 from the room tax account into the Center's repair budget for the replacement and repair of a chiller coil located in the facility's South Facility.

Request for approval for use of \$6,950.00 from prior year's room tax for a Multifunction Printer (MFP) for the La Crosse Center with the city-wide change out of these units.

The City of La Crosse recently decided to have its departments purchase their own printers and enter into a maintenance agreement instead of leasing the units as had been done in the past. The board unanimously approved the purchase of MFP by the Center from the previous year's room tax.

Hawkins, Ash and Baptie & Co.'s Annual Year End Audit Report of Center's Liquor Account.

The board accepted HABCO's report.

January and February Liquor Bills

The Liquor Bills for December 2012 and January 2013 were approved.

Meeting Adjourned.