

**MINUTES OF THE PLUMBING AND FUEL, GAS BOARD MEETING
PATUXENT BUILDING MIDDLE CONFERENCE ROOM * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND
Wednesday, July 09, 2008**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gerald Davis at 6:05 p.m. Members present were Charles Downs, Dwight Mason, David Shapiro, Daryl Calvano and Bernie Taylor. Mike Sullivan was absent. LUGM staff present was Adam Knight and Gloria Bailey, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June 11, 2008 were approved as presented.

Old Business

Mr. Mason received a call from the Calvert County Plumbing Board who saw the article in the County paper regarding the County Commissioners decision for homeowners doing their own plumbing. Mr. Mason stated Calvert County was a little upset about the article and recommended we contact them in the future prior to presenting to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Davis stated wanted to make sure we got a signed document and we did. Mr. Davis stated we accomplished the Trade Registration and Automatic Adoption.

Update on Codes Seminar in October:

Mr. Taylor quoted the prices for the Tech Center and stated we need a date, time, and vendors. Mr. Taylor stated he will not make a commitment to the Tech Center until these issues are discussed and decided upon.

The Board discussed the following questions:

1. Do you ask all four-supplier houses to come?
2. What do we want vendors to focus on?
3. Have vendors bring tables with what they sell, product line, and any new products they have to introduce.
4. Do we have them bring their ideas/suggestions for the homeowners?
5. Have vendors or sponsors donate monies or food.

Mr. Davis suggested naming the seminar Code Seminar in October and get the information out as to what we have done up to this point and that we are a viable Board in St. Marys.

Mr. Knight stated he would contact PIO and take care of the advertising, letting the media know, etc. Mr. Knight recommended we advertise any one is welcome so to attract plumbers, homeowners, and the public to introduce the code. Mr. Knight suggested giving a copy of the code and see if there are any questions.

Mr. Taylor recommended distributing fliers at Northeastern, Calvert, Thomas Somerville, and Lowes. Mr. Davis suggested working on a catchy name and figuring out who is going to be in charge of getting the fee waived for the Tech Center. Mr. Calvano stated he would take care of getting the fee waived.

After discussion it was decided to call the Expo the St. Marys County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board presents their First Annual Going Green and Code Update EXPO.

Mr. Taylor stated he will take care of the Tech Center reservation for October 8, 2008 from six to eight in the evening.

Mr. Calvano stated that we would need a permit from the Health Dept. if serving food to the public however if a caterer is used the permit is not needed. Mr. Calvano stated he would take care of the application from the Health Dept. Mr. Calvano stated having vendors donate food to the EXPO might present a problem with the Food permit because several persons would be donating.

Mr. Knight suggested inviting Chaney Enterprises with the water cooler product that hooks up to, the water line instead of buying water.

Update on Maryland Plumbing Board visit: Mr. Knight stated he faxed another letter to the State Plumbing Board outlining the fifth item included in February letter. Mr. Knight stated he spoke with Charles Groeger who said he would make sure the Board gets the letter and that we will be able to come up for a meeting.

Update on By-Laws: None

Review the Rules and Regulations: Mr. Davis stated since the ordinance does not allow for the homeowners permit, this has been removed. Mr. Davis stated the rules and regulations at this point are still work in progress. Mr. Davis stated we were using the Electrical Committees rules and regulations as guidelines to see the types of stuff they address. Mr. Davis stated as for Registration, we never came up with a date therefore we have to work on the registration form at the next meeting to have it ready by October 8, 2008.

Mr. Knight stated insurance information should be put on the website so the homeowner can be aware of licensed owners and that registration is valid for two years. Mr. Knight stated he will get a copy of the Charles County license for the Board to modify for use as registration.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the amended Rules and Regulations and Mr. Mason seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. Mr. Knight stated he will give the Rules and Regulations to the printer.

Election of Board Officer for 2008/2009:

Mr. Taylor made a motion to leave the current positions as they currently stand and Mr. Downs seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

New Business

Air Conditioner sizes was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held August 13, 2008 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Gloria Bailey
Recording Secretary

Approved in open session: August 13, 2008

Gerald Davis
Chairman