

Valley Ventures Group  
Monthly Microcredit Group Meeting

Date/Time: September 8, 2006, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Facilitator: Keith Lyngh

Time Keeper: Eric Lang

Minutes Keeper: Lise Grondin-Danault

In attendance:

Eric Lang

Carla Lapiere

Lise Grondin-Danault

Jackie Hawkins

Sylvio Lapiere

Joyce Presby

Keith Lynch

Laura Lynch

Sara Young-Knox, Berlin Reporter

Absent: Norman Lettre, Eric Catman, Suzanne French, and Derik Brasher

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**Topic: August Minutes**

Discussion: were reviewed by group.

Motion to accept minutes as written.

By: 1<sup>st</sup> Lise Grondin-Danault

2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Lang

Action: Accepted

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**Topic: Treasurer's Report**

Eric Lang went over the treasurer's report in detail.

Discussion: Balance to date: \$410.86

*Take note: There is in escrow \$118.74 for final loan payments.*

Motion: to accept treasurer's report as presented

By: 1<sup>st</sup> Laura Lynch

2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Hawkins

Action: Dues collected

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**Topic: Berlin Reporter Interview**

Discussion:

Sara Young-Knox posed questions on how Microcredit NH is funded, how it helps micro enterprises get started and how it offers its support in guiding small groups like ours. Joyce was there to respond. Each of us had the opportunity of telling her about our businesses and the advantages of being a Microcredit member. After answering questions regarding our Microenterprise Showcase event on September 16<sup>th</sup> at NHCTC cafeteria, Sara took some time to observe our group as we continued with our meeting. Her overall impression was a positive one.

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**Topic: Tradeshow Update**

Discussion:

- We were informed that Derik Brasher, Eric Lang and Suzanne French are unable to attend due to unforeseen commitments. The group offered to have a table set up for their marketing materials.
- Everyone has been working on their displays and marketing material for the event.
- Because Erik is unable to attend, Keith will take in payments of those who have registered but had not yet paid and give them receipts.
- Jackie informed the group she was unable to obtain tablecloths from her workplace, therefore, Keith offered to pick up paper tablecloths from Wal-Mart, as well as coffee, creamers and sugar—all taken out of our fund.
- Laura will have a page on the web of all those registered for the Showcase.
- A craft show emergency kit is listed on our website.
- Joyce will bring the drinks.
- Joyce will be the greeter.
- We will use the white board as signage near the cafeteria to announce our Showcase.
- We will not have a door prize from the group—each member will raffle off their own door prize.

Motion: See above discussion.

By: 1<sup>st</sup> Carla

2<sup>nd</sup> Laura

Action: see above discussion

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**Topic: 5 Minute Check-In**

Discussion:

- Osmosis-business has been slow yet has been focusing on new marketing materials.
- Gateway Gallery—slow month but created a new product—framing fishing flies, it is low cost, low time investment and very “niche.” Beginning to have high demand.

Due to time constraints and Sara Young-Knox’s arrival—the remainder of our group did not have time to go over their past month’s check-in.

At the end of the meeting, Joyce applauded Keith’s efforts to make this Showcase the successful event that we all yearn for. Kudos to you Keith and Laura for our webpresence.

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Our next meeting will be held at: WCU, Friday, October 13, 2006 9 to 11 a.m.

Agenda items will include: Review response to Showcase  
 Discuss alternatives/improvements for next year.  
 Discuss election of new officers

Facilitator: Eric Lang  
 Minute Taker: Keith Lynch  
 Timekeeper: Carla Lapierre