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**Date/Time: Thursday, October 20 (3:30pm)
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel – Ottawa Room**

MISSION

Our mission is to provide Kent County hospitality related businesses an opportunity to meet professionally with a common interest to better serve our industry and community while furthering the overall tourism landscape of our region.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Welcome & Introductions: Lisa Calhoun, KCHA Vice President

Approval of September 2022 Minutes: Motion by Connor; Approved

Approval of September 2022 Financial Report: Tabled to November 2022

Monthly Reports

- Experience Grand Rapids – Restaurant week is coming up November 4-12.
- West Michigan Sports Commission – Teams conference coming up with Pure Michigan Sports. Looking for interns for WMSC and State Games. Champion Force cheerleading competition is coming up. Be sure you're keeping up with PartnerNet.
- West Michigan Tourist Association – The first meeting for Erin and Kaylie. Membership renewals and ads are being sold now for the 2023 Carefree Travel Guide.
- Women in Hospitality Leadership-Grand Rapids – See event information below. The event is sold out.
- Grand Valley State University – No Report
- Ferris State University – Career Fair is coming up in February in Big Rapids on the FSU campus.
- Michigan Cares for Tourism – September 2023 in the Porkies (UP).

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thursday, November 17 – Monthly Membership Meeting @ Holiday Inn Downtown
- November 4-12 – Grand Rapids Restaurant Week
- November 9 – MRLA Stars of the Industry Awards (The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth)
- November 16 – Michigan Women in Hospitality Leadership Conference @ JW Marriott (<https://www.wihlcon.com/tickets.html>) *SOLD OUT
- November 18-19 – Grand Rapids International Wine, Beer & Food Festival
- December TBA – Holiday Party

Round Table Discussion

Adjournment: Motion by Todd, Seconded by Jaylyn; Approved

Following the meeting, about a dozen members joined Tours Around Michigan for a ghost walk through downtown.

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