

Grandview Chamber of Commerce  
Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2006

President Gaylene Tucker called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Present for all or portions of the meeting:

Board Members:

DeLynn Otis—Clear Channel Radio  
Kathy Charvet—People for People  
Cookie Shannon—Grandview Junior Miss  
Becky Ruppert—Consumers Choice Insurance  
Dennis McDonald—Grandview Christian Church  
Mike Bradshaw—BentonREA's Powernet  
Gaylene Tucker—Consumers Choice Insurance  
Allison Manterola—Wal-Mart Distribution Center  
Holly Castle—Kimbrough Realty & Associates

High School Representative

Danika Martinez

Chamber Office Staff

Lynda Jo Gross

Guest:

New Member Derek Anderson—YVCC Student Body President and Pathway Produce  
Owner and Operator

Approval of Minutes

**DeLynn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kathy seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Financial Report

Treasurer Becky Ruppert presented the financial report. The community checking account showed an end of the month of February balance of \$6,668.20. The tourism account reflected an end of the month balance of \$3,256.56; the savings account reflected an end of the month balance of \$300.29. Ruppert explained to the board that the transaction reflecting a deposit of \$60.94 was a refund of overpayment of taxes.

**Mike made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. DeLynn seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Unfinished Business

Annual Auction: The theme for the auction this year is "Bigger, Better, Brighter." Allison Manterola reported that there were about 93 items donated so far. Timing during the auction was also discussed, and Allison said that the doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and salad should be served at 6:30 p.m. and then the dinner will be served. The armory facility will be open at 11:00 a.m. to start setting up chairs and tables. The tables can be decorated starting at noon. The live auction will start at 7:00 p.m. and will finish at 9:00 p.m., and the plan is for clean up to be completed by 10:00 p.m. Ten volunteers will be present from the WalMart Distribution Center, and about fifteen high school students will be present to help. It was planned that the high school students would arrive at 6:00 p.m. to get ready to serve the dinner. Cookie asked how many items were assigned to the live and silent auctions, and Gaylene reported that the items aren't broken out into those two categories yet. Gaylene asked what the average bid time was and DeLynn Otis suggested that Gaylene call Dick Culver and ask him. Cookie explained that the Junior Miss Girls will walk through the crowd as each item is announced for bid. Danika Martinez suggested that the high school volunteers show up at the Armory at 6 p.m. DeLynn and Mike volunteered to assist with recording the amounts and the bidder numbers for the winning bids during the live auction.

Agenda for Member Meeting: The agenda for the member meeting reflected that Ron Zirkle is the guest speaker for the next meeting. Becky Ruppert suggested that Lynda Jo add the Chamber's need for a bookcase and Allison suggested that auction tickets are currently available be added also.

Chamber Scholarships to GHS Reps: Gaylene asked how the Board wants to handle the Grandview Chamber scholarships, since Brandon Artz served one year and Ashley Lara stepped in when Artz resigned. Gaylene asked if the board wanted to divide the \$300 scholarship monies in half, with both Lara and Artz receiving the same amount of \$150, and that was the unanimous decision of the Board. Cookie suggested the scholarships be presented at the May Member Meeting. Gaylene asked if Dollars for Scholars matches the amount. Lynda Jo is to find out from Norma if that is the case. As of this date, 35 tickets to the Chamber Auction have been sold, and a total of 240 tickets need to be sold.

Community Concert: Gaylene reported that the slot for May 30 for the chamber to hold a community concert at Country Park is still open. Gaylene said it's an opportunity to work with the City and also said it's an excellent opportunity for a partnership between the Yakima Valley Community College, Grandview Campus, as Anderson has expressed interest in that. It was noted that selling tickets to attend the event is not allowed, but that the Chamber can sell concessions. Anderson suggested that the Board select Jonathan Kingham to provide musical entertainment at the concert. He is a piano player and was a big hit at YVCC and the second time he came, attendance increased significantly. For Kingham's full band the cost is \$1,000. The concert would start at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Derek said that YVCC has the booking personnel that can book Kingham to perform. It was noted that the Country Park concerts will start on Tuesday May 23, and will be held every Tuesday evening for four weeks in a row. DeLynn asked if this was included in the budget for 2006 and Gaylene said that \$2,000 was budgeted for new fundraisers. DeLynn asked if Kingham had a website and Derek reported that he does.

**Cookie Shannon made a motion to have the Chamber coordinate with YVCC for the Country Park community concert, and to hire Kingham for May 30, 2006 with the Chamber paying \$500 and YVCC paying \$500 to pay Kingham for his concert services. Kathy Charvet seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Office Report – Lynda Jo reported that a new computer has been purchased for \$399 the Grandview Chamber office. She also stated that a memory upgrade and dialup modem had been purchased for the computer, which increased the total expenditure to \$489.

Chamber of Commerce Seminar in Oregon—Gaylene announced that Boardman Oregon will host a one-day seminar on Friday, April 7, 2005, regarding Chamber of Commerce organizations, which is being presented by the Boardman Chamber, Oregon State Chamber, Heppner Chamber and Pendleton Chamber. Cost per person is \$45.00 for the full day, and \$25.00 for a half day. The board was asked to decide if Lynda Jo Gross should go. Dennis McDonald said it'd be a great opportunity and that he felt more than just one person should be able to go if there was interest. **Mike Bradshaw made a motion to approve payment by the Grandview Chamber for up to, and including, four people to go to the chamber conference in Boardman on April 7, 2006. Dennis McDonald seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

It was mentioned that two new members have signed up to join the Grandview Chamber of Commerce.

High School report: Danika Martinez reported that 20 DECA students went to DECA state.

Gaylene said that anyone who wants to submit anything for the chamber newsletter should send it by email to the chamber office.

By-Laws—The board members discussed the Grandview Chamber Bylaws. **DeLynn made a motion that the Chamber Bylaws should be changed so that in order for a chamber board member to be eligible for election to a chamber board officer position, they must be a member in good standing and have served on the board for one year. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Gaylene stated that the final decisions on the Chamber Bylaw changes will be discussed at the chamber board meeting to be held next month in April.

Cookie announced that Danika is running for Junior Miss this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.