

Grandview Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2006

President Gaylene Tucker called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Present for all or portions of the meeting:

Board Members:

Kathy Charvet ~~People for People~~

Cookie Shannon ~~Junior Miss~~

Becky Ruppert ~~Consumers Choice Insurance~~

Gaylene Tucker ~~Consumers Choice Insurance~~

Norm Childress ~~City of Grandview~~

Dennis McDonald ~~Grandview Christian Church~~

Marnie Gibbs ~~All Ways Busy Arena~~

Mike Bradshaw ~~Benton REA's Powernet~~

Guest:

Grandview City Administrator Scott Staples

Community Member & Affairs Director:

Lynda Jo Gross

Approval of minutes:

It was noted that a spelling error on page one of the minutes needs to be corrected.

**Mike Bradshaw made a motion to accept the presented minutes as corrected.
Cookie Shannon seconded the motion. Motion carries.**

Mike asked if the minutes could be emailed in advance of the chamber board meeting, Becky Ruppert suggested that the minutes be emailed to the board members by the Thursday preceding each board meeting.

Announcements:

Marnie Gibbs announced a Spring Fling golf tournament at Black Rock Creek, an ID Theft seminar, and she also invited businesses to provide promotional items to be given to entities visiting the Lower Valley for tournaments.

Gaylene Tucker welcomed City Administrator Scott Staples to the meeting.

Annual Auction:

Gaylene Tucker reported that the auction raised about \$12,500; last year there was about \$9,000 raised. Our budget goal this year was for \$11,000. Gaylene said revenue increased by 30 % and attendance increased by 10 %.

Treasurer's Report:

The financial report reflects that the checking account had a March month end account balance of \$13,632.36. The savings account had a month end balance of \$300.31. The Tourism Account had a month end balance of \$3,256.56. It was noted that \$1,700 of the Tourism Account was received from the City of Grandview from the motel/hotel tax.

Cookie made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Marnie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mike Bradshaw presented the Chamber with a check for \$500 from BentonREA as a donation to help purchase supplies and pay for any expenses associated with the Grandview float. Lynda Jo Gross is to make a copy of the check to bring to the April 11 general chamber membership meeting, so that a picture of the check being presented to the chamber may be taken for the newspapers.

Tri-Chamber Social:

Gaylene Tucker announced that a date and location needs to be selected for the Grandview hosted Tri-Chamber social, which will include guests from the Grandview, Prosser, and Sunnyside chamber organizations. Gaylene suggested two dates in June: the 8th or the 15th. Marnie Gibbs suggested having the social at Countryside Catering. Lynda Jo Gross is to follow up on obtaining information about availability dates at both Countryside Catering and the Country Park fair grounds. The Tri-chamber social will take place on a Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. Lynda Jo is also to find out the dates that each high school graduation will take place for the Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser school districts, as well as the last day of school for each city. The date and location for the Tri-Chamber social is to be finalized at the May Grandview Chamber board meeting.

Marnie Gibbs announced that a social is scheduled at Apex Cellars on April 21, and all chamber members from each of the three chambers are invited, but they must RSVP.

By-Laws:

Gaylene Tucker suggested that the previous suggested/discussed by-laws changes be made and that there was really only one thing left to discuss: that the term of executive officers last for one year. Norm Childress suggested that a representative from different organizations in the community be elected to the board. **Cookie made a motion for the Bylaws to be changed so that elected Grandview Chamber board executive officers serve a term of one year, and elections are to be held for the board executive officer positions each year. Kathy Charvet seconded. Motion carries.**

Float Progress:

Gaylene Tucker announced that on Tuesday, April 4 at 6 p.m., workers will gather at the fairgrounds to begin working on the float, which has already been stripped and is ready to be decorated. The initial supplies are in and the float will feature a fountain in the front and a flower fountain in the back. Gaylene Tucker welcomed suggestions for a cobblestone looking pathway that will wrap around the float. She said workers and input are needed. April 29 is the date of the first parade, so the float must be completed by that date.

New Member:

The board learned of the newest member to the Chamber, Minerva Morales, who signed up for an individual membership.

Office Report:

Lynda Jo Gross checked on the status of the Dell rebate check for \$150, and found that the check was issued on March 27 and should be received soon. Lynda Jo said that she has constructed three float donation cans, and is working on more of them.

Wage & Vacation

Lynda Jo Gross, Grandview Chamber Office Manager, requested a wage increase from \$9 to \$10 an hour and to have seven paid vacation/sick days per calendar year.

Lynda Jo left the room at about 12:45 so that this item could be discussed. The wage and benefits issues for the Grandview Chamber Administrator position were discussed by the board. **Cookie made a motion to increase the hourly wage rate for the Grandview Chamber Office Manager position from \$9.00 to \$10.00 per hour, to provide seven paid vacation/sick leave days per calendar year for the position starting with the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2006, and to require that the Chamber Office Manager is to notify the Grandview Chamber Treasurer whenever leave time is requested or used. Norm seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Lynda Jo returned at approximately 12:55 p.m.

Next General Member meeting is April 11 at noon at Bethany Presbyterian Church, and Doc Hastings will be the guest speaker. Gaylene Tucker suggested that everyone RSVP as the Church only holds 150 people.

Guest Scott Staples expressed an interest in being listed on the agenda for the next board meeting so he could learn more about the Chamber. Gaylene suggested a breakfast meeting instead, which was scheduled for June 18th at 7:30 a.m. at the Flour Shoppe.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.