

Grandview Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2006

I. Preliminary

President Gaylene Tucker called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. Present for all or portions of the meeting:

Gaylene Tucker—Consumers Choice Insurance

Becky Ruppert—Consumers Choice Insurance

Cookie Shannon—Grandview Junior Miss

Mike Bradshaw—BentonREA's Powernet

Kathy Charvet—People for People

Marnie Gibbs—All Ways Busy Arena

Holly Castle—Wine Country Real Estate

Karin Garcia—AABCO Transmissions

Allison Manterola—Wal-Mart Distribution Center

Kristin Denny—Wal-Mart Distribution Center

GHS Representative—Danika Martinez

Chamber Office Staff—Lynda Jo Gross

Guest: Scott Staples

II. Regular Business Items

Mike Bradshaw made a motion to accept the May meeting minutes. Becky Ruppert seconded. Motion carries.

Financial Report: Becky Ruppert presented the financial report. She clarified that check number 7541 to WCIA was for insurance for the Tri-Chamber Social. Gaylene Tucker explained that \$122 of that was for the event and \$60 was for liquor liability. Cookie Shannon mentioned that the Chamber has a credit from Display House that will remain as a credit so that float decorations for 2007 can be purchased as early as January. The Savings account reflected a May 31, 2006 balance of \$300.35. The General Checking account reflected a May 31, 2006 balance of \$7,058.80. The Tourism account reflected a May 31, 2006 balance of \$1,889.39.

Mike Bradshaw made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Kathy Charvet seconded. Motion carries.

III. Unfinished Business

Community Concert:

Gaylene Tucker reported that she was pleased with the Board Members that volunteered to help at the Community Concert. She said that she believed

attendance was doubled from the community concert held the week before. She reported that \$200.00 in hamburgers and hot dogs were sold. Danika Martinez added that she took pictures of the GHS band that played and submitted the photos to the Daily Sun News.

Parade:

Becky Ruppert reported on the parade and said that applications continue to come in. She said that Emcees are covered through DeLynn Otis at Clear Channel Radio. Benton REA is doing parade posters, and Mike Bradshaw mentioned that DeLynn has provided him with pictures of the Emcees to be placed on the poster. Cookie Shannon told Becky Ruppert and Gaylene Tucker that she'll need the addresses of royalty organizations involved in the parade just after July 4. Becky Ruppert said volunteers are still needed to help with the parade. Those wishing to volunteer are encouraged to contact Becky and Gaylene. Allison Manterola offered to work registration.

Tri-Chamber Social: Gaylene Tucker announced that the Tri-Chamber Social is set to take place on July 13 from 5-7 p.m. at the fairgrounds. She reported that efforts are underway to line up entertainment and that Lynda Jo lined up three wineries that will offer wine tasting at the event. Holly Castle recommended that someone direct people where to go at the front gate. Becky Ruppert asked if volunteers were needed for the event and Lynda Jo Gross reported that other than each Chamber organization checking in their respective members, she couldn't think of anything. Cookie Shannon volunteered to help at the event to help greet people as they arrive. It was mentioned that a sound system might be needed. Marnie Gibbs agreed to do postcards for the event as long as the Grandview Chamber provided postage. Gaylene Tucker agreed.

Craft & Hobby Show:

Gaylene Tucker reported that the Grandview Chamber Craft/Car Show Committee had met on 5-25-06 to discuss the Chamber's role in organizing a craft and hobby show and/or a car show to be held at the Country Park Fair Grounds during the Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo (YVFR) event to take place from August 9th-12th this year. Gaylene said that the Craft/Car Committee discussed the issues involved with trying to organize the craft and hobby show during fair time, and it was determined that it might be best to organize a car show, since there already seemed to be interest among the Grandview Chamber members in doing a car show, and since a car show had already been established at the YVFR event last year. Gaylene said that if any Chamber Board member, or members, wanted to develop a craft and hobby show to be held during the YVFR event this year, they are more than welcome to proceed with organizing and staffing the craft show. None of the board members expressed interest in organizing a craft show. Gaylene mentioned that she has recruited Buster Hunsaker and Lynn Boast to assist with the car show and they've been extremely helpful. The Car Show Committee

established that the date and time for the Grandview Chamber Car Show will be on Saturday, August 12, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and it will be held at the Country Park Fair Grounds in Grandview. It was also mentioned that car show entries will be accepted up to 10:00 a.m. on the date of the show. Gaylene Tucker has contacted United Airlines in an attempt to get two round trip tickets donated as a grand prize for the event. Marnie Gibbs suggested contacting Benton City (Heather Duncan) and Gary Clark in Zillah, as they just both had car shows in late April. Gibbs suggested requesting the addresses of those who participated in those events to help publicize the Grandview Chamber Car Show. Cookie Shannon mentioned that this takes place the day of the alumni picnic and she requested that Mike Bradshaw email her a the registration form for the Grandview Chamber Car Show event. The next meeting for the Grandview Chamber Car Show Committee will be held on Thursday, June 8th, at 5:30 p.m. at Molcajetes, and there is a possibility that the GHS Junior Class ASB officers will be attending the meeting to discuss assisting with the Grandview Chamber car show, and to discuss the possibility of having another car show in the fall. Gaylene said that the Car Show Committee has decided to find sponsors to fund the plaques and trophies for the car show, She also said that the Car Show Committee is considering the following idea: Each sponsor that provides funding for a car show trophy would receive a plaque with a picture of the car that won that particular trophy.

Mike Bradshaw made a motion to accept the actions and plans that have been established by the Grandview Chamber Car Show Committee with regard to the Grandview Chamber Car Show to take place on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at the Country Park Fair Grounds in Grandview during the Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo event, and to continue to endorse and promote the Grandview Chamber Car Show event for this year, and to postpone the Craft and Hobby Show to be developed and considered by the Grandview Chamber Board at some point in the future. Becky Ruppert seconded. Motion carries.

High School Report: Danika Martinez reported that Andrea Jackson will be the Junior Class Chamber Representative, and asked when Andrea should attend her first meeting. The consensus of the board is that Andrea should begin in July. The GHS Follies take place on June 8 at 7 p.m. Danika's family will match proceeds made at the door and give the proceeds to the Coleman Cancer foundation. Friday is the last day of school. Danika reported that the Junior Miss court participated in their first night parade in Moses Lake, where they took first place.

Office Report:

Lynda Jo Gross reported that she spoke with Grandview YVCC Dean Bryce Humpherys regarding seminars/workshops to better businesses that belong to the Chamber. Humpherys said that he'd like the Chamber to commit to the

approximate \$2,000 it will cost for the instructor and materials. Humpherys would like to present more detailed information to the Board in July.

Member Meeting Agenda:

Gaylene Tucker announced that on the agenda is Matt Grey of Prosser's Best Run and information on the parade. She asked Cookie if she wanted to speak about Junior Miss, and she does. Marnie Gibbs will make an announcement with regard to the Prosser Scottish Fest that will be held on June 17th, and Holly Castle will bring some publications and announce the new name of her business. Scott Staples will pass out flyers about the fireworks ordinance in Grandview, and Gaylene suggested that during the "What's happening at the City" portion of the agenda that this be discussed as well. Marnie suggested that Scott email Lynda Jo a PDF of the info and that Lynda Jo should disburse the info via email to the businesses, requesting that they post the changes in the office.

Other:

Scott Staples announced that he spoke with Robert Ozuna, the Executive Director of UW Business school Yakima Valley contact. Ozuna will arrange a time this summer for UW Business School Director Michel Verchot to come visit regarding downtown revitalization. Scott said that there are two buildings downtown that the City of Grandview owns. One building is vacant and one is leased. The City is going to use a request for proposal (RFP) process to see if there is any interest that can be developed with regard to an entity purchasing or leasing a building.

The board discussed the Grandview Chamber of Commerce scholarships that are issued each year to the Grandview High School student representatives that participate in the Chamber. An idea was proposed that the amount of the scholarship should be prorated based on the number of meetings that are attended by the student representatives, and that a certain number of excused absences should be allowed. Gaylene said that this issue will be placed on the next Grandview Chamber board meeting agenda for discussion.

It was noted that the next Grandview Chamber Membership meeting will be held on June 13, and the next Chamber board meeting will be held on July 3rd.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.