

Grandview Chamber of Commerce
Executive Board of Directors
July 31, 2006

I. Preliminary

President Gaylene Tucker called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Present for all or portions of the meeting:

Gaylene Tucker—Consumers Choice Insurance
Allison Manterola—Wal-Mart D.C.
Kristin Denny—Wal-Mart D.C.
Marnie Gibbs—All Ways Busy Arena
Mike Bradshaw—BentonREA's Powernet
Cookie Shannon—Grandview Junior Miss
Kathy Charvet—People for People
Becky Ruppert—Consumers Choice Insurance
DeLynn Otis—Clear Channel Radio Yakima
Lou Garcia—AABCO Transmissions
Lynn Boast—Boast Enterprises

Guests:

Scott Staples
Bryce Humpherys-Yakima Valley Community College

GHS Representative:
Danika Martinez

Office Staff:
Lynda Jo Gross

II. Regular Business Items

An error was found during the review of the June 3 Board Meeting minutes—the date for the financial reports was June 31, 2006 and the last date in June was June 30, 2006.

Mike Bradshaw moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Kristin Denny seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The financial report for the month of July at the time of the meeting reflects a July 31, 2006 balance of \$3,014.85 in the general account; \$300.36 in savings, and \$1,498.98 in the tourism account.

Kathy Charvet moved to accept the financial report as presented. Cookie Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

III. Unfinished Business:

Parade:

Becky Ruppert reported that it looks like Day Wireless will once again provide the radios for the parade. The Use of three R.V.'s will be loaned for the event.

Clear Channel is again providing the emcees for the parade. They will be Reisha and Nahum and Thayne and Tom. Judges are still needed, especially for the organizational category. Help is also needed in the parking lot. The Wal-Mart D.C. donated the water. Pacers are still needed. With regard to entries, Ruppert and Tucker reported that so far, there are the same amount of entries as there were at this time last year. Last year, there were a total of 99 entries.

Car Show:

Tucker reported that volunteers are needed for the Chamber Car Show, which will take place on Aug. 12. She said between 12 and 18 volunteers are needed. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Saturday of the fair; two fair passes will be included per vehicle entered into the show.

Seminars:

Tucker reported that Sunnyside and Prosser do have their surveys out. It was Tucker's understanding that the Prosser Chamber Board met Friday. Marnie Gibbs said that the Prosser Chamber meeting held on Friday was only for the Executive Officers to attend. The full Prosser Board won't meet until Aug. 11. The full board in Sunnyside won't meet until August 4. Gibbs will ensure it will get on the agenda for both. YVCC Grandview Dean Bryce Humpherys, who is helping with the coordination of the seminars, suggested a decision be made in the month of August. Gibbs suggested a meeting between Tucker and the three Chambers and Humpherys stated he would participate in that meeting as well. Humpherys said that there are no college credits for the course, but continuing education could be a possibility. Gibbs suggested having large businesses sponsor each seminar. Humpherys said in order to break even, about eight participants per workshop would be needed. Gibbs said that Prosser Economic Development Association employee Deb Heinz has done a similar survey in the past and Gibbs recommended contacting her for information gleaned from those surveys.

IV. New Business

Chamber Member attendance at Rotary Meetings:

Tucker informed the board that Gary Christensen is in charge of programs for Rotary and that he's worked to get Rotary speakers that are of interest to Chamber members as well. Tucker told the board that the board is encouraged to attend as well as the Chamber general membership.

Quicktel Building Potential Chamber Meeting Location:

City Administrator Scott Staples informed the board that Rotary has agreed to meet in the city owned Quicktel building. Scott said that Rotary plans to purchase tables and chairs. Rotary has asked Staples to ask the Chamber if they'd be interested in moving Membership meetings from Bethany Presbyterian Church to the Quicktel building. He said that there'd likely be some kind of month to month lease and a minimum rental fee. The Chamber does not currently pay the church for use of their facility.

The consensus of the board was to table the issue until Staples speaks with City Council and knows the conditions of using the Quicktel building.

GHS High School Report:

GHS Representative Danika Martinez reported that Andrea Jackson, her fellow representative to the Chamber board, is at leadership camp this week, and therefore is absent. She is working to have a band called Faith Without Limits perform at the fair. She believes Key Club plans to help at the fair.

Office Report:

Lynda Jo Gross informed the board that a Grape Stomp Committee has been formed and that former Chamber Treasurer Elizabeth Alba is chairperson of the committee. Gross told the board that she has received \$2,000.00 in sponsorship pledges thus far: \$1,000 from Sunnyside Hospital, \$500 from the Wal-Mart D.C., \$250 from Prosser Hospital, and \$250 from PP&L (Pacific Power and Light). She reported that there are other sponsorship possibilities that she needs to follow up on. Gross has been looking into the costs of t-shirts for the event. There are two current low bids: \$4.25 per shirt for 200 shirts and \$4.60 per shirt for 250 shirts. Gross was unsure at the meeting if the lowest bid included printing on the front and the back; the second to lowest bid is the final amount per shirt, printed on both sides, and including shipping. Mike Concienne, the regional manager for the grower's portion of Welch's, felt that he could get 1,000 pounds of Niagra grapes donated for the event, Gross said. Gibbs asked what time frame was being looked at and Gross said that it appears afternoon will work out to draw the tourists for the balloon rally, should the event take place on Sept. 23. Gross was asked where the event should take place and she said the fairgrounds. Gibbs suggested downtown Grandview. This will require permission from the City.

Delynn Otis made a motion to hold the Grandview Grape Stomp downtown. Cookie Shannon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Agenda for Member Meeting:

So far on the agenda is that Rotary, Scott Staples, and Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo President Mike Bradshaw will speak at the meeting, which takes place on Aug. 9 at the fairgrounds. Plaque presentations for new members during the first half of the year will also be included in the meeting. Cookie asked that Tucker announce the alumni picnic and Allison's mailing address while she's at state competition that week.

The next Board meeting is on September 11, 2006 at noon at City Hall.

The regular meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m. and the board of directors went into executive session.

At 1:41 p.m. the executive session ended, and the regular business meeting was resumed.

At 1:42 p.m. the regular business meeting was adjourned.