

I. Preliminary

President Gaylene Tucker called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Present for all or portions of the meeting:

Gaylene Tucker—Consumers Choice Insurance
Kristin Denny—Wal-Mart D.C.
Mike Bradshaw—BentonREA's PowerNET
Kathy Charvet—People for People
Becky Ruppert—Consumers Choice Insurance
DeLynn Otis—Clear Channel Radio Yakima

Holly Castle—Northwest Wine Country Real Estate
Norm Childress, Grandview Mayor

Guests:
Elizabeth Alba

GHS Representatives:
Danika Martinez
Andrea Jackson

Office Staff:
Lynda Jo Gross

II. Regular Business Items

The board reviewed the minutes for the Grandview Chamber board meeting held on July 31, 2006.

Mike Bradshaw moved to accept the minutes as presented. Kristin Denny seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report:
The financial report for the month of August at the time of the meeting reflects a August 31, 2006 balance of \$3,873.31 in the general account; \$300.38 in savings, and \$1,498.98 in the tourism account.

Kathy Charvet moved to accept the financial report as presented. Kristin Denny seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. Unfinished Business:

Report on Car Show:

Gaylene stated that 107 cars had entered the Grandview Chamber of Commerce car show that was held on Saturday, August 12, 2006, during the Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo (YVFR) at the Country Park fair grounds. Gaylene also said that the Grandview High School students that assisted with the car show did a great job, and that the Grandview Chamber and the YVFR plan on hosting the car show again during the YVFR event to be held in August of 2007.

Report on Parade:

Gaylene said that the parade held on August 10, 2006 came off very well this year, and she thanked the City of Grandview personnel for all their help. Becky mentioned that all of the volunteers who had committed to help with the parade did show up to lend a hand.

Seminars with YVCC Update:

Gaylene reported that Sunnyside and Prosser chambers are on board with regard to participating in the seminars, and that 700 flyers advertising the seminars will be distributed. The first seminar topic will be on marketing, and it will be held on 10-11-06 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Grape Stomp:

Elizabeth Alba reported that the Grandview Grape Stomp meetings are being held at Molcajetes Restaurant every Tuesday, and that the upcoming Grape Stomp will be the first one held since 1995. The Grape Stomp will be held on 9-23-06, and volunteers will be needed on that date from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. On 9-16-06 at 8:30 a.m. there will be a group that will go pick the grapes for the Grape Stomp. A total of 8 people have already signed up for Grape Stomp teams. The teams consist of 3 people per team, and 20 total teams are needed. The final stomp session will be held at 4 p.m. Elizabeth said that games will be provided for kids during the Grape Stomp, and she said that she will mention the Grape Stomp event at the general chamber meeting to be held on 9-12-06.

Quicktel Building as Meeting Place:

Norm Childress said that the City of Grandview has advertised a request for proposal (RFP) with regard to the old Quicktel building, and some proposals have been received. Gaylene tabled the issue of the Grandview Chamber holding its general meetings at the old Quicktel building.

IV. New Business

Map of Sunnyside, Grandview, Prosser:

Gaylene said that the Grandview Chamber had received a proposal from Sprint Hill Press to print maps of the Sunnyside, Grandview, and Prosser area, and the maps would include advertisements to be sold to businesses in the local communities. The chambers would provide an introduction letter and would pay for postage, and Spring Hill would take care of all the advertising responsibilities. The Grandview Chamber would get 5% of any advertising sales. A total of 50 ads are to be sold, and the Grandview Chamber members would need to purchase at least 10 ads for the project to be viable.

Delynn Otis made a motion to proceed with joining the Sunnyside and Prosser Chambers of Commerce with regard to the Spring Hill Press map project.

Kathy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Awards Banquet:

The board discussed increasing the sponsorship fee for the Community Awards Banquet plaques from \$21 to \$30.

Mike Bradshaw made a motion to proceed with increasing the sponsorship fee for the Community Awards Banquet plaques from \$21 to \$30. Delynn Otis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A bid to serve the meal at the banquet was received in the amount of \$2,398 from Countryside Catering. The \$2,398 amount divided by 175 people equals \$13.70 per meal.

Mike Bradshaw made a motion to accept the bid amount of \$2,398 from Countryside Catering to provide the dinner meal at the next Grandview Community Awards Banquet to be held in November of 2007. Kathy Charvet seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The board discussed the price of the tickets to attend the Community Awards Banquet. It was noted that the ticket price was \$15.00 per person for the 2005 banquet, and that the 2004 ticket price was \$12.00.

Kristin Denny made a motion for the 2006 Grandview Community Awards Banquet ticket price to be set at \$18.00 per person for all tickets sold prior to the event, and that price shall be \$20.00 per person for any tickets sold at the door for the event. Delynn Otis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Norm Childress mentioned that we need to advertise that the Grandview Community Awards Banquet is open to anyone in the general public that would like to attend.

GHS High School Report:

GHS Representative Danika Martinez reported that Homecoming will be held October 9th through the 14th. She also reported that the Grandview High

School students have been working on forming some teams to participate in the Grape Stomp.

Embarq's Chamber of Commerce Incentive Plan:

Gaylene presented an incentive plan proposed by Embarq that would involve the Chamber promoting and selling Internet access and other telecommunications services provided by Embarq in exchange for a percentage of the revenue from the sales. The board discussed the Embarq proposal, and noted that if the Chamber got involved in the sales arrangement proposed by Embarq, then the Chamber should be willing to enter into similar ventures with any other Chamber member. The issue died for lack of a motion.

Haunted House:

The annual Grandview Chamber Haunted House event will be held this year on Friday October 27 and on Saturday October 28.

Emergency Funding Request from Grandview School District:

Gaylene announced that the Grandview School District needs to come up with \$375 out of a total of \$800 that will be needed for the Grandview High School Band and Cheer Group to travel to the University of Washington for a band and cheer event. The board discussed this issue at length, and there was a consensus of the board that, due to the limited funds that are available pursuant to the Chamber operating budget, requests for funding need to be submitted to the Grandview Chamber of Commerce before the Chamber budgeting process begins in the fall of each calendar year, and therefore the Grandview Chamber would not be able to authorize an expenditure of funds to the Grandview School District in response to the emergency funding request.

Office Report:

Gaylene reported that since Lynda Jo Gross has resigned as the Grandview Chamber office coordinator, that the process for selecting another person for the position will be discussed at a meeting to be held at noon on 9-20-06 at the Grandview City Hall council chambers.

Agenda for Member Meeting:

The items listed in the board meeting agenda to be presented at the next general membership chamber meeting were discussed. Delynn Otis, Kristin Denny, and Kathy Charvet volunteered to serve on a nominating committee to assist with the selection of new chamber board members.

The next Chamber board meeting will be held on October 2, 2006 at noon at City Hall.

At 1:14 p.m. the regular business meeting was adjourned.