

GRANDVIEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2004

I Preliminary

At 12:15 PM on September 13, 2004, Chamber President Jim Herriman (with Key Bank) called the meeting to order for the Grandview Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. This meeting was held at the Grandview City Hall. Present when the meeting was called to order or during portions of the meeting were:

Mike Bradshaw (Benton REA's PowerNET), Secretary
Cookie Shannon (Grandview Float, Parade, Alumni, Junior Miss)
Lucy Dykstra (Grandview Float, Junior Miss)
Norma Conklin (Dollars for Scholars)
Lynda Jo Gross (Grandview Herald)
Karla Baker (Grandview Chamber of Commerce Clerk)

II Regular Business Items

Cookie Shannon made a motion to accept the minutes for the Chamber Board meeting held on 8-2-04 as presented, and Norma Conklin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for August of 2004 was presented. The report showed the beginning bank balance at \$12,687.56, and an ending bank balance of \$10,738.65. A list of disbursement checks and bank account deposits for the month of August of 2004 was also presented.

Norma Conklin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the month of July of 2004, and Cookie Shannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III Unfinished Business

Progress Update on the Chamber Office Lease Agreement

Mike reported that he is still working on the Chamber office lease agreement issue, and that he will present it to Mr. Fournier soon.

Fire Proof Safe for Chamber Office

Brenda will check with Derek Wood. Someone from the Board will go pick up the safe if Derek can't transport it to the Chamber office.

Welcome Packets

Coupons and information packets are being put together to promote the local businesses. It was discussed that maybe the welcome packets will be handed out to local realtors, title companies, and the Grandview city utilities department for distribution.

Band Day

Jim announced that there were approximately 100 students that participated in Band Day, and that there is a movement to make Band Day a statewide event. Jim said that he received many positive comments about the fair.

2004 Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo

It was noted that the Grandview Chamber office needs to be staffed and needs to remain open for the entire duration of the Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo next year. It is important that the Chamber office is open during the fair so that information can be provided to the public about the parade, the rodeo, and the fair.

IV New Business

Establishing Event Committee

Jim suggested to the board that an event committee needs to be set up in order to coordinate the scheduling of major event dates, and to work on assisting with the creation of new events for the Grandview area. Jim suggested that Brenda should be on the committee. It was mentioned that we really need more of the Chamber board members to show up and the monthly Chamber board meetings. It was also noted that we needed more volunteers to take turns watching over the Grandview Chamber booth at the Yakima Valley Fair this year.

It was mentioned that there is a downtown association being formed, and that the neighborhood outreach project for revitalizing the downtown area will be transferred from the Chamber to the new association. A poll will be taken at the Chamber general membership meeting to see if anyone is interested in serving on the event committee.

Norma Conklin made a motion to create an event committee, and Mike Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Getting Volunteers from DECA for the Chamber Office

The idea of using DECA students to help watch over the Chamber office was discussed. Brenda will try to contact some DECA students.

Guidelines for Chamber Scholarship

A set of guidelines for the Chamber Scholarship Program needs to be created.

Agenda for General Membership Chamber Meeting

It was decided that the following updates should be added to the agenda for the General

Membership Chamber meeting: Band Day, and the 2004 Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo.

Updated from Cookie on the Annual Awards Banquet

Cooke had registered for using the Methodist Church in Grandview for the Annual Awards Banquet to be held on November 18, 2004. Cookie will contact Ashley's to see what they will charge to cater the event. Mike and Cookie will get together to contact Kevin Chase, the new Grandview School District Superintendent, to discuss the involvement of the Grandview School District at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Need Virus Scan Software for Computer at Chamber Office

The problem of the Chamber office computer becoming infected with computer viruses was discussed. Mike Bradshaw volunteered to have someone from Benton REA's PowerNET contact Brenda to arrange for a PowerNET technician to check the Chamber office computer for viruses, and it was the consensus of the board that this should be done.

New Desk Chair for Chamber Office

Jim reported that a new office chair, and some additional chairs for guests, need to be purchased for the Grandview Chamber office.

Mike Bradshaw made a motion to authorize Brenda to spend up to \$100 on a new office chair and some additional chairs to be located in the Grandview Chamber office, and Norma Conklin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V Meeting Dates, Announcements, and Schedules

The next Chamber Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 4, 2004, at noon.

The next Grandview Chamber general meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at 1:00 PM at the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grandview.

It was announced that a meeting on tourism has been scheduled to take place at the Cultural Lodge in Toppenish on Tuesday, October 14, 2004 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

VI Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 PM.