

Grandview Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2005

I Preliminary

At 11:05 a.m. on October 3, 2005, Chamber President Jim Herriman called the meeting to order for the Grandview Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. This meeting was held at Grandview City hall. Present when the meeting was called to order or during portions of the meeting were:

Chamber Board Members:

Jim Herriman (Key Bank), President
Mike Bradshaw (Benton REA's PowerNET), Secretary
Norm Childress (City of Grandview)
Danika Martinez (High School Representative)
Ashley Lara (High School Representative)
Gaylene Tucker (Consumer's Choice Insurance)
Kathy Charvet (People for People)
Steve Martin (Wal-Mart Distribution Center)

Chamber Staff:

Lynda Jo Gross, Office Manager

Guests:

Lou and Karin Garcia (Aabco Transmissions)

II Regular Business Items

The board reviewed the minutes for the Chamber Board Meeting held on Sept. 12, 2005.

Steve Martin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Norm Childress seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of September was presented by Lynda Jo. The report showed a beginning savings balance at US Bank of \$300.21 as of 9-1-05 and the ending savings account balance was \$300.24 as of 9-30-05. The beginning balance of the community checking account with US Bank was at \$3,648.23 as of 9-1-05 and the ending balance was \$5,684.19 as of 9-30-05. The beginning balance for the tourism checking account was \$823.06 as of 9-1-05 and the ending balance as of 9-30-05 was \$715.13. A list of disbursement checks and bank account deposits for the month of September 2005 was also presented.

Jim Herriman noted that Lynda Jo has been authorized to purchase chair covers for safer, but ugly, chairs for the Chamber.

Mike Bradshaw made a motion to accept the financial report. Steve Martin seconded. Motion carried.

III Unfinished Business

Awards Banquet:

Lynda Jo presented a bid from Ashley's Catering for the banquet, which includes 165 meals. The bid is in the amount of \$2,136.42, which comes out to \$12.94 per person if 165 people attend. Also presented was a bid from Countryside Catering for the same event, feeding the same amount of people for \$2,394.57, which comes out to \$14.51 per person if all 165 people attend. Lynda Jo also presented last year's bid from Ashley's Catering, which came out to \$1,815.00 before taxes, and amounted to \$11.84 per person after taxes if all 165 people attended. Lynda Jo recommended the ticket price to be \$15. Mike Bradshaw instructed Lynda Jo to find out if linen service was included in the bids. The board instructed that door prizes be given at the event. Lynda Jo reported that all plaques have been sponsored. The consensus of the board is to raise the cost of plaque sponsorship next year. Ashley Lara will try to get a door prize featuring Greyhound memorabilia. Norm said the deadline for community pictures is Oct. 15 for the presentation at the Awards banquet. Lynda Jo is to make a list of pictures needed for the banquet. Lynda Jo is to find out if the city buys the Beautification Award. Mike Bradshaw said he'd be happy to add it to the plaque order.

Mike Bradshaw made a motion to accept the bid from Ashley's Catering and to raise the ticket price to \$15.00. Kathy Charvet seconded. Motion carried.

Lynda Jo said the tickets would be ready by Wed. October 5. Jim Herriman instructed her to bring some to the membership meeting on Oct. 11, 2005.

Haunted House Event

Lynda Jo reported that game booths are still needed for the event. She has also asked that Rotary donate funds to the event, which they'll decide on at their Board meeting. Steve reported that Mark Elliot will be cooking hot dogs for the event and they will be sold with a soda for \$1. Steve is also going to find out if it's possible for the cafeteria workers at the distribution center to make caramel apples to be sold. James Ridel will begin construction in the basement of the Iowa building for the event. Tombstones are being made to put in the alley leading out of the Haunted House and Steve requested catchy, funny names or sayings to go on the tombstones. Lynda Jo asked that she be allowed to purchase prizes from Oriental Trading Co. for the booths. Lynda Jo reported that only one business on Division St. did not wish to sign the sheet of support to block off the street. Norm said that he and David Charvet approved the street being blocked off. Jim suggested some kids from the high school dress up in costumes and deliver flyers to elementary school classrooms to generate excitement for the Haunted House.

Mike Bradshaw made a motion to allow Lynda Jo to spend no more than \$150 on prizes for the Haunted House. Norm Childress seconded. Motion carried.

IV New Business

High School:

Ashley and Danika informed the board that it's Homecoming week at the high school. They invited Chamber members to attend the parade on Wed. evening. Several fun events are planned for the week, including Alumni band members playing with GHS band members.

Treasurer's Report:

There is no report; the Treasurer is not present.

Agenda for Membership Meeting:

On the Agenda for the member meeting is the Haunted House, need for game booths and candy, the Awards banquet. Lynda Jo has also been instructed to send out a sign up sheet for the auction. Norm asked that the city's request for assistance for indigent residents of the community to assist with landscaping be added to the agenda.

Office Report:

Lynda Jo mentioned that the Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2005, from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM at the Immanuel Lutheran Church located at 300 Euclid Road in Grandview. Lynda Jo also mentioned that she will be attending a Spring Fling meeting tomorrow at 10 AM.

Board members:

Lynda Jo and Gaylene Tucker nominated the following people to the board: Lou Garcia, Marshall Doak, and Becky Rupert. Steve Martin said that Kristin Denny is interested. They nominated her also. Nominations from the floor will be heard at the Oct. 11 meeting and new members will be voted in. Jim said that Officer positions will need to be filled in Nov. include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Cocoa and Carols Treelighting Ceremony

Lynda Jo asked board members to determine the location of Cocoa and Carols Treelighting Ceremony. The input she received appeared as though half the people wanted it at Stokely Square and the other half wanted the big old fashioned huge tree right off of Wine Country Road in the dead end by Kimrough Realty.

Norm Childress made a motion to have Cocoa and Carols at the dead end by Kimbrough Realty and Associated. Mike Bradshaw seconded. The motion carried.

Norm asked if final numbers were available from the Hot Summer Nights event, and Lynda Jo said that she will follow up on this issue.

V. Meeting Dates

The next general meeting is Oct. 11, 2005. The next board meeting is Nov. 7, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.