

GRANDVIEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2004

I Preliminary

At 12:03 PM on October 4, 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:

Derek Wood (Budget Car Sales), Vice President

Mike Bradshaw (Benton REA's PowerNET), Secretary

Cookie Shannon (Grandview Float, Parade, Alumni, Junior Miss)

Lynda Jo Gross (Grandview Herald)

Brenda Baker (Grandview Chamber of Commerce Clerk)

II Regular Business Items

Derek Wood made a motion to accept the minutes for the Chamber Board meeting held on 9-13-04 as presented, and Cookie Shannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for September of 2004 was presented. The report showed the beginning bank balance at \$10,738.65, and an ending bank balance of \$9,963.86. A list of disbursement checks and bank account deposits for the month of September of 2004 was also presented. A question was asked as to why the list of checks shows a \$5.00 bank service charge, and it was explained that the charge is posted on the monthly bank statement because the Grandview Chamber has a merchant account with the bank that enables the Chamber to perform credit card processing at the annual Chamber auction.

Mike Bradshaw made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the month of September of 2004, and Cookie Shannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The neighborhood outreach for revitalizing the Grandview downtown area was discussed. Jim pointed out that this program seems to be coming to an end due to lack of interest, and that the Grandview Chamber would not continue to work on the issue. The issue of the remaining funds associated with a grant for this project was discussed, and the topic was raised as to the amount of money that is remaining from the grant, and what the rules of the grant will allow for the expenditure of the remaining money.

The board discussed the issue of how to get new people on the Chamber board, and how to get people to volunteer to sign up to help on various Chamber committees. It was noted that three people have signed up to help on the Events Committee, and that Brenda will be working to try and find more volunteers to serve on that committee. The Grandview Chamber Scholarship program was discussed, and it was mentioned that Rita Morales is one of the students that is eligible for a Grandview Chamber Scholarship.

III Unfinished Business

Progress Update on the Chamber Office Lease Agreement

Mike reported that he has presented the most recent version of the Chamber office lease agreement to Mr. Fournier for review.

Welcome Packets

Brenda is working on sending out the welcome packets to promote the local businesses in the area.

Guidelines for Scholarship

The work on the guidelines for the Chamber scholarship is still in progress.

IV New Business

Best Board Meeting Time

The Chamber Board discussed whether to retain a starting time of noon for the board meetings, or to change to a start time of 1 PM. It was the consensus of the Board to change the start time of the board meetings to 1 PM. Jim mentioned that he will not be able to attend the Chamber Board meeting in December, and that Vice President Derek Wood will be the chairman at that particular board meeting.

Agenda for Membership Meeting

The Board members suggested that the following issues be added to the agenda for the general membership meeting: (1) Recruitment of new board members, (2) Grandview Chamber of Commerce scholarship requirements, (3) Report on the annual Chamber Awards Banquet.

It was noted that a business career week is going to be held next week at the Grandview High School. The issue of having some DECA club high school students help out at the Chamber office was discussed, and it was noted that the DECA students would most likely only be able to help from 3 PM to 5 PM after the school day ends.

Guidelines for Chamber Scholarship

A set of guidelines for the Chamber Scholarship Program is in the process of being developed.

Update on Awards Banquet – Cookie & Mike

Cookie reported that Brad from Ashley's Catering has indicated that a dinner can be provided by Ashley's for a cost of \$11 per plate for the Grandview Chamber Awards Banquet. The dinner will include a choice of chicken or ham, roasted potatoes, desert, and a beverage. It will cost \$50 to rent the Methodist Church building for the banquet, which will be held on November 18, 2004. The tickets to the banquet event will be \$12 each. The notice for the banquet will be released on October 6, 2004, and the nominations for the awards will be due on October 28, 2004.

Plaque Sponsors - Brenda

Brenda announced that the awards plaques to be presented at the Annual Chamber Banquet

are available for sponsorship for a fee of \$21.00. Derek Wood, Jim Herriman, and Mike Bradshaw, all indicated that they would like to sponsor plaques for Budget Car Sales, Key Bank, and PowerNET, respectively.

DECA Volunteers - Brenda

Brenda mentioned that she is still in the process of trying to contact some DECA Club high school volunteers to help out at the Grandview Chamber office.

October Scheduled Ribbon Cuttings

No discussion took place on this agenda item.

V Meeting Dates, Announcements, and Schedules

The next Chamber Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2004, at 1 P.M. It was mentioned that someone should be appointed at this meeting to be the chairperson for the annual Chamber auction.

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.

In November, the Grandview Chamber general meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at 1:00 PM at the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grandview.

VI Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 PM.

MICHAEL J. BRADSHAW, SECRETARY