

GRANDVIEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2004

I Preliminary

At 1:05 PM on December 13, 2004, Chamber Vice President Derek Wood (with Budget Car Sales) 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

Jim Herriman (Key Bank)

Marina Ledesma (U.S. Bank), Treasurer

Mike Bradshaw (Benton REA's PowerNET), Secretary

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

Lynda Jo Gross (Grandview Herald)

Rita Morales (Grandview High School Representative)

Brandon Artz (Grandview High School Representative)

Kathy Charvet (People For People)

Mike Closner (Grandview School District)

Steve Martin (Wal-Mart Distribution Center)

Norm Childress (City of Grandview)

Brenda Baker (Grandview Chamber of Commerce Clerk)

II Regular Business Items

The minutes for the Chamber Board meeting held on 11-1-04 were reviewed, and it was noted that spelling corrections needed to be made for the names Jim Herriman and Kathy Charvet. Board Secretary Mike Bradshaw noted that these changes would be reflected in the final version of the minutes.

Cookie Shannon made a motion to accept the minutes for the Chamber Board meeting held on 11-1-04 as presented and amended, and Norm Childress seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The presentation of the Treasurer's Report for November of 2004 was postponed because the Treasurer had not arrived yet at the board meeting. It was noted that the ending bank balance as of October 2004 on the Treasurer's Report did not match the November 2004 beginning balance on the report. It was mentioned that a financial review committee made up of Chamber board members should be selected to perform a review of the Grandview Chamber financial records as of December 31, 2004, and it was decided that this item should be placed on the agenda for the January 2005 Chamber board meeting.

III Unfinished Business

Annual Grandview Chamber Auction

Mike Closner with the Grandview School District said that Kelly with the school district is willing to provide chicken for the auction dinner at a price of \$5.00 per person, with the dinner to be served at the Grandview High School, and the event will be a served dinner instead of using a buffet line to serve the food. Kelly wants to come to the next Grandview Chamber board meeting to discuss the arrangements to be made for the auction dinner. The Chamber would be responsible for providing salads and deserts. At this point Steve Martin said that he would take care of providing all of the salads and the deserts for the auction event. It was mentioned that there were sixteen tables set up at the Chamber auction last year, and with eight people sitting at each table, it was estimated that about 128 people attended the auction. Steve Martin said that he would like to visit the Grandview High School facility to make sure that he knows how many people it will hold and how many tables can be set up. Steve suggested that the auctioneer should be placed on some kind of “riser” or platform.

A number of possible themes for the auction were discussed. One idea for a theme was “The future’s so bright, you have to wear shades.” Steve Martin mentioned that it might be a good idea to have a D.J. and Jim suggested that Mike Allen should be contacted. It was noted that the Chamber would provide receipts for any business that would like proof that they made a tax-deductible donation for the auction. It was suggested that a commemorative glass should be provided to everyone that attends the auction, and it was also suggested that the ticket price to attend the auction should be increased from \$15 to \$20. Brandon and Rita from the High School said that they would help round up students to help serve the meal.

The date for the auction will be on March 18, 2005. It was noted that the letter asking for auction donations need to be sent out. Brenda said that she will touch up the donation request letter and that she will forward a draft of the letter to Steve Martin before she sends them out. Brenda said that she would contact Rob Wood to see if he will be willing to help with the accounting for the auction purchases again this year. It was mentioned that Mike Bren or Bob Womack (with Coldwell Banker) might be willing to donate the use of a storage container to the Chamber so that it can be used as a collection point for the auction items. Cookie said that she will work on getting the tickets printed up, and Mike Bradshaw offered to approach the businesses in Prosser for auction donations. It was mentioned that last year Charvet’s donated the tablecloths.

IV New Business

Agenda Items for the General Membership Meeting

Brandon announced that he will give the School District report at the general Chamber meeting tomorrow, and it was noted that Rita will be absent from the general meeting due to an appointment that she must keep.

Norm Childress volunteered to report on the City of Grandview issues.

Eva Russel asked to make an announcement with regard to the American Red Cross

Blood Drive.

It will be announced that there will be Chamber open house/socials after hours to be provided at various Chamber member locations.

Jan McDonald from the Lower Valley Pregnancy Center will be making a presentation at the general meeting.

Chamber After-Hours Open House/Socials

Jim mentioned that we all really need to promote the after-hours Chamber open house/socials. There was a consensus of the board that the open house/socials should be held on the third Friday every month.

Safe for Chamber Office

Brenda will contact Derek on getting a safe for the Chamber office.

V Meeting Dates, Announcements, Schedules, and Miscellaneous

The next Chamber general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 1 P.M at the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grandview. Kathy and Brandon volunteered to be greeters. Brenda will get there early to make some coffee. Norm said that he will report on the State law, which provides for an R1 zone being used for mobile homes, unless there are covenants in place. The board decided that that the nominations and elections for the board officer positions should take place at the general meeting tomorrow.

The next Grandview Chamber board meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2005 at 1:00 PM at the Grandview City Hall building.

In January, the Grandview Chamber general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 1:00 PM at the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grandview.

Jim mentioned that there was as very good article that came out recently in the Yakima Herald about Diane Torres and her involvement in volunteerism and the United Way campaign. Jim also noted that the El Palenque restaurant is going through a major remodeling process, and that they will want a ribbon cutting ceremony to take place when it is finished.

VI Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 PM.