

Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce
Date/Time: Aug. 11, 2005 3:00 PM
Location: Hattie's Courtyard

In Attendance: Myron Nelson, Ryana Covington, Chris Bray, Linda Bauska, Connie Bush, Sharon Traub, Dick Perry, Ken Campbell, Sandra Keatley, Dave Vorse, and Jessica Robertson

President Bauska called the meeting to order at 3:00. Introductions were made.

Logger Dinner: Bauska reported that the Logger Dinner cost \$238.58, and the Chamber made \$895.00 in revenue. Total profit: \$656.42. It was more than expected. People came for the street dance, which didn't happen because of miscommunication with the band. Bauska also said that people asked for more choices than just the stew, but the Health Dept. was very easy to deal with, because of the simplicity of the meal. A loaded log truck was brought in for atmosphere, thanks to the Mountain Mania Committee. Overall, the event went well, with the exception of running out of food which was because the numbers of attendants was higher than expected. Dropping the price from prior years proved successful. Nelson pointed out that regardless of what you serve, people will always want something else. Traub suggested having a cauldron of hot dogs next year for the kids. Covington gave compliments to the Toutle students who helped serve.

Nomination and Election of Officers: Bauska pointed out that she has served as President for 3 years, and wants to stay within the terms of the by-laws. Perry suggested amending the by-laws to reflect 3 year terms. Traub asked if all offices are one year terms or just the President. Covington read this section of the by-laws to the Chamber, which reflects that all terms of office are held for one year. Nelson asked if that was one year conclusive, or if an officer can be re-elected year after year. Covington answered that officers can be re-elected year after year. Bauska was nominated for another term as President. Robertson asked Bauska how she felt about that- Bauska replied that she would be ok with serving another term, but would prefer to have another person step up. The motion for Bauska serving another term as President passed unanimously. Discussion then ensued about the office of Vice President. Covington pointed out that Traub has been doing a lot of the Treasurer duties, due to her employment. Motion that Covington serve as Vice President passed unanimously. Discussion about Secretary ensued. It was suggested that we call John Kramer to ask if he would accept a nomination. It was then mentioned that the publicized street dance was a ball that got dropped, and the minutes are crucial to members. Nelson was asked if he would accept a nomination. He responded that he has a lot going on at the Senior Center, but would do it if Keatley would serve as an ex-officio. Nelson was nominated, and motion carried unanimously. Discussion about Treasurer position ensued. Traub was nominated, and the motion carried unanimously.

Business Feasibility and Market Analysis: Covington briefly went over the Analysis for the guests. She then stated that there will be an upcoming public meeting in September to begin implementation.

Relay for Life: Vorse talked about the Relay for Life, which is an annual national event to raise money for cancer research. The City is sponsoring a team, and Vorse invited the Chamber to join. Bauska said that she would be free at 2 am on Sunday to walk. Nelson said he would make a banner for the Castle Rock team.

***side note:** Bauska stated that if you buy a book at Walden's Book Store in the mall, nominate the Castle Rock library, and Walden's will make a donation to them.

Volunteer Appreciation Event: Covington informed the group of an upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Event, to be held Aug. 29. The keynote speaker will be Senator Doumit, Bauska and Mayor Larsen will be presenting awards, Jason Robertson will speak of the Action Plan, and the Forest Service will make a presentation. Covington asked that any musical acts members can think of be brought to her attention for entertainment. Bush suggested the Men's Ensemble, but Clarence Knutson said that they are on hiatus for the summer. Polly Ross and Kelly Ogden were suggested. Traub will follow up with Ms. Ogden. Covington also mentioned that she will be looking for donated refreshments and prize drawings, and will be coming to the business community for their help.

Invoices: Robertson gave Traub invoices for the maintenance of the website to be paid.

Fall Festival: Bauska mentioned that the Fall Festival is coming up in approx. 6 weeks. A subcommittee needs to be formed for planning. Last year's committee was comprised of Chris Gould, Sharon Traub, Jessica Robertson, Ryana Covington, Linda Bauska, and Carolyn Kennington. Covington volunteered to head up the committee. Bauska explained the purpose of last year's Fall Festival to the guests. Nelson said that the Senior Center will host the UFO Quilt Show again, as well as an antique show. Bray said that he would help with planning, and Keatley said she would support any efforts.

***side note:** Robertson mentioned that there will be a Small Business Fair in Sept. in Renton, WA that will offer free advice to interested parties. She handed out pamphlets, which are currently in the Finance office at City Hall. She then listed out the new and renewing members of the Chamber, and mentioned that the business card ads for the website went well.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM. Next meeting: Sept. 8, 3:00 PM