

Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce
March 10, 2005
8:00 AM Caffe Roma

President Linda Bauska opened the meeting at 8:00 AM, with the following members in attendance: Sharon Traub, Bob Heuer, John Kramer, Ryana Covington, Carolyn Kennington, Jessica Robertson, and Tammy Roberts. Two guests were also in attendance: Erin Erdman and Connie Bush

Logger Dinner: Bauska informed the group that the Mountain Mania planners are not going to plan the Logger Dinner this year. They offered the sponsorship opportunity to either the CARE Coalition or the Chamber. CARE doesn't have the man-power, so Bauska asked the Chamber if they would be willing to take it on. She explained that this fundraising opportunity could be rather simple. Mtn. Mania will still be setting up the stage, and Kramer has connections to live entertainment. Beef stew and cornbread were the suggested meal. Bauska mentioned this to the health dept., who stated that the only requirement would be for the stew to stay up to temperature. Bush stated that she has an Army issue boiler and Heuer has a fire pit available for use. Traub motioned that the Chamber sponsor the Logger Dinner, Bush seconded, motion unanimously passed.

Erdman stated that due to equipment failure, she will have to conduct the visual survey presentation at the next Chamber meeting.

Farmers Market: Robertson explained that Barbara Rutherford has been approached by a lady (name unknown to Robertson) who is willing to organize a farmer's market for Castle Rock. She stated that this discussion has taken place at the last CAPIC meeting, and several things were considered; insurance sponsorship, location, competition with other markets, and utility usage. These topics were then discussed by the Chamber. Bauska suggested that it could be scheduled in conjunction with the garage sale idea that Kramer had recently mentioned. The Chamber agreed to support this function, but will not be involved with the organization of it.

25th Anniversary:

Kramer asked the group about the hours of the event for the scheduling of the live entertainment. On Friday, May 20th, he will schedule music from 5-8PM. Kramer then suggested having hay bales for seating during the entertainment. Bauska suggested asking Chris Gould about that.

Bauska stated that in regards to the shuttle bus from Seaquest to Castle Rock, she checked with the County, and they suggested asking the Red Lion Hotel in Kelso. The Chamber agreed that using their minibus would not be in Castle Rock's best interest, because it would be promoting a non-local business. Covington will check into the possibility of using a small school bus, or a CAP van. She will also check into coordinating with Seaquest.

Robertson will look for contact name to ask County permission about borrowing the art display boards for the art exhibit. Either she or Kramer will contact Kennington on progress.

Kramer went over the agreement he has put together for the vendors. Clean up was discussed. Robertson suggested recruiting the high school students for their community service requirements. Bush stated that they should be contacted now.

Covington informed the group of her idea to create “thank you cards” for people in the community to express their thanks to those who may have helped them during the time of the eruption in 1980. They would consist of tri-folds, and would be a way for people to get some closure from the catastrophe. The Chamber agreed that it was a good idea. Kennington suggested also having a keepsake journal with the cards. Covington and Robertson are on the Ministerial Association agenda to ask permission to distribute the cards through the churches.

Bauska asked Heuer if the Police were planning any activities for the 25th. Heuer responded that he will discuss possible collaboration ideas with the Fire Hall.

Covington showed the new parks map, created by CWCOG, to the Chamber, and suggested that it be used as a prototype for the events map/calendar for distribution in the welcome packages. Erdman said that they would probably be willing to make them.

Business Feasibility & Market Analysis mtg.: Due to time constraints, Covington tabled discussion until the next meeting.

New Meeting Location: Traub volunteered the Downtown Deli for upcoming Chamber meetings. Bush motioned, Roberts seconded, motion unanimously passed. Robertson will notify members of new location. Chamber meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month, 8AM-9AM, at the Downtown Deli starting in April.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 AM.