

Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce
Minutes, July 10, 2008

President Coni Bush called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Rick Walton, Steve Lafady, Connie Bush, Ryanna Covington, Sharon Traub, Myron Nelson, Mayor Barbara Larsen, Mike Vorse, Dave Vorse, Dan Piper, Mark Plotkin, Ashley Opsahl-Scibelli and guests Jodie Haddler and Maggie Haddler.

Secretary's Report—approved as printed

Treasurer's Report—approved as printed

Scholarship—President Coni Bush presented Maggie Haddler a certificate and a \$500. check. She was one of two who received a \$500 scholarship from the Chamber. Maggie spoke briefly and shared her educational goals with us. She is enrolled in the nursing program at LCC and will begin her studies in September. She also presented a thank you note to President Bush thanking the Chamber for her scholarship.

Shop Hop—Myron reported on the Shop Hop. More than 1200 people came through Castle Rock during the four-day event. Lacey Rha's Café and Hattie's had specials for the Shop Hop guests. Tina reported she had received a note in the mail thanking her for the Shop Hop and the fine hospitality in Castle Rock.

Parking—Coni read a letter from the merchants to the City Council asking the council to request the Police Department to enforce the two hour parking on Cowlitz Street. The merchants feel the parking ordinance needs to be more strictly enforced. Mayor Larsen said she would present the letter to the council at the July 14, 2008 council meeting.

STP Breakfast—The breakfast menu has been changed from hard boiled eggs to pancakes. Breakfast will be served 5am – 8 a.m. Coni reported that besides the gift certificate from Cash and Carry she also received cups and six pounds coffee from Boyd's Coffee. Steve said he and one more person from the PUD would help serve.

Logger's Dinner—Donations for the dinner have been received from Foster Farms Chicken, Castle Rock Bakery, Rose Tree Restaurant, Northwest Deli, Lacey Rha's Café, Hattie's and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The tables will be from the Baptist Church and the American Legion. The school district will furnish chairs. Mountain Mania will put up the tents and stage. Sally Gene and Friends will entertain. Myron will have at least 4 high school students to help serve and bus

the tables. The \$7.50 Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner will be served 5:30pm – 7 p.m. or until we sell out.

City Directory—Mike Vorse will have the directories finished and to Myron by Monday morning, July 14th. The Senior Center will stuff the envelopes with the directory, a letter and an informative flyer from the Attorney General's office. The center will also label them. Mark will see that they are stamped and mailed. He will bill the Chamber for the postage.

Election of Officers—The following were nominated for the 2008-2009 year.

President—Coni Bush

Vice Pres.—Mike Vorse

Treas.—Sharon Traub

Sec'y.—Myron Nelson

Voting will take place at our August 14th meeting. At that time nominations from the floor will still be accepted.

Other—Mark Plotkin said a video production group will be in Castle Rock filming during Mountain Mania Day. The finished video will be used to promote the county and the various events that are held each year.

Planning Commission—On July 30th, 7 p.m., the Planning Commission will present its comprehensive plan and amended zoning map to the public for input. It was suggested that Chamber and business members attend the meeting.

Port of Longview—Ashley reported that the new 100-ton crane is now in use at the Port of Longview. The port is now importing salt from Chile for shipment to Canada. Dave Vorse reported the Port of Longview gave \$207,000 toward the boat launch project.

PUD—Steve reported the PUD is upgrading its system and within the next five years will have all automatic meters. (No more meter readers). The PUD now has 90 windmills installed at their wind farm near Goldendale.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

NEXT MEETING—AUGUST 14TH, 8:30 A.M., CASTLE ROCK SENIOR CENTER. ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD. YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED. JOIN US AND AS ALWAYS THE COFFEE WILL BE ON.