

Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce
November 10, 2005

President Linda Bauska called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Members present: John Kramer, Linda Bauska, Sharon Traub, Diane Swanson, Carolyn Kennington, Connie Bush, Chris Gould, Myron Nelson, Mari Hodges, Ryana Covington and Karen Shoddy

Secretary's Report—approved as printed

Treasurer's Report---approved as printed. Expenses were read and approved

Christmas Tree Project

Only three businesses have signed up so far. After a lengthy discussion it was suggested the "Play Group" be advised to not only include trees, but also wreaths or a specialty item from a merchant. The community could visit the merchant and place a silent bid on the tree, wreath or specialty item. The deadline would remain December 10th. Advertising would be the responsibility of the "Play Group" of CAPIC.

Business Decorating Contest

The Chamber of Commerce will once again sponsor a Business Decorating Contest. Judging will be in three categories. 1. Window display 2. Inside display 3. Outside display. There will be \$100. awarded to the winner in each category. Judging will take place at 12 noon on December 9th. The membership approved the \$300. expenditure for the prizes.

Poplarville, Mississippi Project

As of October 31st, 2005 the fund had received \$700. Since then additional money has come in. It was agreed an effort would be made to continue collecting money to reach a minimum

of \$1000. Linda said the silent auction Hattie's had on some antique glassware netted \$176. Linda said she would be happy to have another one or two silent auctions to help increase the Poplarville fund. The members were in favor and some even said they had an item they would be happy to donate to the auction.

Exhibit Hall Events

John Kramer said the Exhibit Hall will host a first annual Holiday Bazaar on November 19th. On December 3rd the annual Wreath Making Workshop will be held. The public is invited to both.

Flu Shots

Myron Nelson reported 166 citizens went through the flu shot clinic held at the senior center. Since then the center has had many phone calls and inquiries. He is hoping in 2006 the center will be able to have two clinics to meet the needs of the citizens of Castle Rock.

Medicare Part D

Myron also reported the senior center will host a Medicare Part D workshop for all seniors. At the present time the Castle Rock Senior Center is the only place in north Cowlitz County where SHIBA has scheduled a workshop. The new Medicare Part D is rather complicated so all seniors are urged to attend especially if they have concerns or questions.

Community Calendar

Myron reported he will meet with "Bud" May on November 14th to see if they could form a community group to "spearhead" establishing a community calendar. It was suggested the group meet every three months to coordinate dates and events. The Valley Bugler has already agreed to print the community calendar and provide it to our citizens through their publication. Myron will report back at the December 8th meeting.

New Business and Information

Signage

A brief discussion was held in regard to signage on buildings. Ryana stated all signage requires a building permit so it can meet code in regard to placement and pedestrian safety.

Community Grant

Diane Swanson gave a brief report on the \$500,000 grant (\$100,000 per year) the CARE Coalition received to educate our youth and community on drug and alcohol abuse. She will coordinate the program for the school district.

Community Holiday Meal

Linda was happy to report the Cowlitz Valley Christian Center will assist with the community holiday meal. This year's meal will be on Sunday, December 18th. In the past this meal has provided a warm meal for over 300 of our less fortunate citizens. Linda, Hattie's and the CVCC are to be commended for offering the free holiday meal to those in need.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 8th, 3 p.m., Hattie's Courtyard.