

Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce Minutes, February 12, 2009

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

Members present: Steve Lafady (Cowlitz PUD), Coni Bush (Lacey Rha's), Rita Baxter (Exhibit Hall/Visitor's Information Center), Henry Karnofski (Castle Rock School District), Ryana Covington (City of Castle Rock), Kathy Kyllonen (NW Continuum), Carolyn Kennington (Cowlitz River Dental), Mike Vorse (Minuteman Press). Sharon Traub (Cowlitz Bank) and Myron Nelson (Castle Rock Senior Center) also attended the meeting, but had to leave early.

Health And Safety Fair – Scheduled for **March 28th** at the Senior Center. Myron reports that vendors have been contacted and plans are progressing nicely. Fliers will be printed and distributed through the school (Friday folders).

Scholarship Applications – Myron stated the applications have been delivered to the High School. They are due back on April 10th, so there will be plenty of time for students to apply. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded.

Secretary's Report - Approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report - Approved as printed. Balance of \$4,740.81.

Spring Clean-Up Day – Will be held **April 18th from 8am – 1pm**. Carolyn Kennington will again serve as chairperson for the event.

Carolyn reported the following:

- United Methodist Church has agreed to sponsor the volunteer lunch
- Mike Vorse will update and print the fliers
- Kathy (NW Continuum) offered to donate the coffee, cider, hot chocolate.
- Will contact Castle Rock Bakery to see if they will again sponsor the donuts, by giving the Chamber a discounted cost. Last year the cost was \$40.
- An informational flier will be inserted into the Valley Bugler. Carolyn will check out this cost.
- Planter boxes (approximately 34). Will contact businesses to see who wants to maintain their boxes. An 'Adopt A Planter' program will be incorporated for those not being maintained. Chamber will offer a \$20 gift certificate for purchase of plants. Gift certificate will be valid from April 18th – May 15th; Mike will design/print the gift certificates.
- Ryana and Rita will work together to contact businesses with planter boxes to see

if the businesses will care for the planters or if the boxes need to be adopted.

- Carolyn will contact youth organizations at the High School
- Carolyn will check with Dan Piper (Hattie's) to see if he is interested in donating brownies for the volunteer lunch.
- Carolyn will contact the Post Office to let them know of the event
- Supplies were discussed; we will need to get gloves donated. Rita will contact Bredfield's Hardware

Membership – Ryana distributed a draft copy of the updated membership application form. By consensus, members liked the new format. Motion was made and seconded to split the printing cost for colored prints between Ryana and the Chamber. Motion Passed.

STP Breakfast and Loggers Dinner – Coni stated that letters need to be sent to vendors requesting donations for the food. Coni also will contact Dan Piper to see if he is interested in again helping with the dinner.

Banners – Coni presented the committee's recommendations for two banners; one for spring/summer and one for fall/winter months. Banners are 30" x 80", single pole. Mike will check with a local wholesaler to compare prices.

Announcements—

Ryan Karlson, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public workshop meeting, **March 12th, 6:30 p.m.** Mt St. Helens Visitors Center at Silver Lake. This will be to discuss long-range plans for the center and the local state park areas.

Ryana distributed Fact Sheets from U.S. Small Business Administration describing availability of two disaster recovery loans. Losses must be from the recent snowstorm event and flooding event. Fliers are available at City Hall in the Finance Office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 12, 2009, 8:30 A.M., AT THE CASTLE ROCK SENIOR CENTER.