

**CASTLE ROCK
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2006**

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

Members present: Sandra Keatley, Linda Bauska, Coni Bush, Ryana Covington, Bob Heuer, Myron Nelson, Barbara Larsen, Carolyn Kennington and Ann Wilkman

Secretary's Report—Approved as printed

Treasurer's Report—Tabled

SIGNAGE—Ryana reported The Dept. of Transportation approved the signs and their locations. The signs have been ordered and should be in place with in the next 30 days or so.

T-SHIRTS—A discussion was held in regards to the T-Shirts and sweatshirts. It was suggested they have them for sale prior to the holiday season. Due to the fact Myron will be out of town for the next three weeks Sandra said she would check on styles, prices, etc. and have the information available at the November meeting.

INFORMATION SHEET—An up to date information sheet is definitely needed. It was suggested they be placed in motels, businesses, the Exhibit Hall, etc. After a lengthy discussion the topic was tabled until next meeting. In the meantime Carolyn and Ryana will update the current information.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST—Myron presented a suggested format. Prizes will be \$100. for each of the three categories. (Window, Inside, Office (Doctor, Dentist, Insurance, etc.) The decorations this year will have a theme. The theme will pertain to your business. This will give a business an opportunity to come up with some creative ideas.

FLU SHOTS—Myron reported the Senior Center will have flu shots on two days. Nov. 6th, 1 – 3 p.m. will be for Medicare members only. Mon. Nov. 13th, 1 – 3 p.m. will be for Medicare and the public. Flu shots are free to Medicare members. The public will pay \$18.50.

DUES—A discussion was held in regards to the dues. In 2007 the dues will increase by \$5. and will include being able to put your business card on the Web Site for free. Ryana reported that the Web Site has had over 100,000 hits in the past year.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE—The Chamber of Commerce would like to have a canned goods drive prior to Easter. It was suggested the Chamber buy a quantity of hams and when people bring in canned goods to a participating business they would be able to enter into a drawing for a ham. It was felt it would be one way to get the public to come into the businesses and at the same time the Chamber of Commerce would be helping the local food bank.

PRIDE DAY—Carolyn said she would be willing to head up Pride Day in 2007. Date is yet to be determined.

WORKSHOP IN TACOMA—Myron made the motion and it was passed that the Chamber of Commerce send Linda to the workshop entitled “Hot Trends and New Strategies for Downtown Retailers”, November 15th in Tacoma. The \$45. fee would be paid by the Chamber of Commerce. Linda is to report back to the membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Myron passed out the November Community Calendar to the membership. He also said the Senior Center now has a copy machine for use by the public. The cost is 10 cents a copy.

Ryana announced that through the effort of Dave Vorse and others the Park Board will soon receive over \$1,200,000 in grant

money to construct a boat launch on the Cowlitz River near the Sports Complex.

The board approved the purchase of two cans of coffee to be used at our monthly meetings.

Coni reported she is concerned about the traffic on Cowlitz St. She said there have been two crashes in recent days mainly due to careless driving. She has been calling the police department to report these incidents.

ADJOURN—The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.