Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce
Meeting, May 8th, 2008, 8:30 a.m.

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

Members present: Kathleen Evans, Coni Bush, Carolyn Kennington, Mike Vorse, Barbara Larsen, Rick Walton, Henry Karnofski, Ryana Covington, Myron Nelson, Sharon Traub, Dave Vorse, and guests Paul Youmans, Mark Addison and Jennifer Fujimori.

Paul Youmans, from Pathways 2020 and Cowlitz On The Move, spoke about the Castle Rock-Lexington Trail Loop and presented a power point presentation showing the proposed loop and pointed out the trail had other advantages besides hiking or bike riding. He hoped educational groups would use the trail to study the river and the natural habitat and resources. The trail would serve a population of 100,000 and would be handicap accessible. The trail would be much safer than walking or riding on the highway as is the case at the present time. The next step in the proposed trail is to find funding to make the trail a reality. To find out more please see their web page is: www.cowlitzonthemove.org.

Secretary's Report--Approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report—Approved as printed.

Pride Day Re-cap—Carolyn thanked everyone involved. 72 registered for the day, however the number was larger due to some not signing in at the center. The Methodist Church served 37 spaghetti dinners. It was of the opinion that the two large dumpsters were not enough to handle all the trash on Pride Day. Due to the extremely cold weather the planting of the city planters was put off to a later date. Carolyn asked for volunteers to help with the planting. Carolyn was thanked once again for doing a super job coordinating Pride Day.

Scholarships—Myron reported the applications have been read and two were selected. Their names will be announced at Senior Night, June 5th and also at the graduation on June 6th. Myron thanked the four who read and judged the applications.

City Directory—Mike reported he received 25 ads for the directory. To expedite mailing to the Chamber of Commerce it was suggested the Chamber obtain its own mail box at the post office. It was approved to do so. (**The new Chamber mailing address is P O Box 72**)

Shop Hop—Myron reported the Quilt Nest will be a check in point for the annual Shop Hop June 18 – 21. He suggested the eateries in Castle Rock should have menus available. Also the new hotel/motel cards should be on display. Approximately 1200 people come through town for the Shop Hop.

STP Breakfast—July 13th—Coni reported the Chamber received a $25 gift certificate from Cash and Carry to purchase items for the breakfast. Sharon stated volunteers are being requested to come "flip pancakes".

Logger's Dinner—Foster Farms will donate the chicken. The eateries in town will be asked to donate other food items for the dinner. Coni asked Myron to arrange for three high school students to help with serving and clean-up.

Other—Coni reported the stagecoach will come through Castle Rock on Sept. 21st. It was suggested Bud May attend our June 12th meeting to explain what would be expected of the Chamber if we were to sponsor the event.

June 22nd the World Harmony Runners will be coming through Castle Rock at 3:10 p.m. The senior center was asked to be the meeting point and also serve as hosts and have an ice cream social for the runners. Myron agreed to the request.

Dave showed the new Public Parking sign that will be installed in a few days.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

NEXT MEETING—JUNE 12TH, 8:30 A.M. AT THE CASTLE ROCK SENIOR CENTER, 222 2ND AVENUE. SUPPORT THE CHAMBER AND ATTEND THE MEETINGS. THE COFFEE POT WILL BE ON!!