

VASHON MAURY ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: February 9, 2011
Location: Puget Sound Energy Conference Room
Presiding: President – Patti McClements
Attending: President Patti McClements, Treasurer Laura Griffith, Secretary Nancy Sipple, Executive Director Debi Richards, Linda Bianchi, Andrew Davis, Ken Maaz, Molly Reed, Priscilla Schleigh Kimmel, Natalie Sheard, Melinda Sontgerath, Barbara Stratton, Patte Wagner

Excused/Absent: Alison Bockus

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: Meeting was called to order at 8:36am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Two corrections were made to the 1/12/11 minutes. Laura Griffith was listed in attendance in error. The other correction was a typo. Melinda moved and Barb seconded that we approve the 1/12/11 minutes as amended and also approve the minutes of the emergency Board meeting on 1/28/11 as written. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Board Retreat: The retreat is scheduled of 3/2/11 at the PSE conference room. It will be potluck. There will be no regular Board meeting in March other than a short business meeting before the retreat. The aim for the retreat is to revisit the mission statement, get acquainted with new Board members Ken and Alison, and begin the process of strategic planning.

Volunteers Needed: All Board members will try to contact 1 person who could commit to 1 day/week of volunteer time in the Chamber office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Laura reported that we have paid all February bills except for cell phone and fire marshal bills and find more cash on hand than anticipated. Strawberry Festival participant fees are starting to come in.

Laura moved and Andy seconded that 1) the savings account will be closed permanently and remaining funds will be transferred to the checking account, 2) authorized signers on the remaining checking account will be Melinda and Barbara; Natalie will be removed, 3) Patti, Laura, Debi and Barb will be authorized to access information regarding any activity on the checking account, on-line and in person, and 4) we will set up a revolving line of credit in the amount of \$10,000 to be attached to the checking account. All were in favor.

ED REPORT:

Hots: Preparations for the new publication are moving along. Debi is making some personal contacts to encourage participation.

Christmas Open House/First Friday: Discussion: should the Christmas Open House and First Friday in December be on different days?

New Logo: Debi presented the new logo and stationery layout.

Next Mixer: The next General Membership Mixer will be Thursday, 2/17/11, 6:30-8:00pm, at the Core Centric Personal Training Center.

Job Nursery: The town plan committee voted down the initial town plan draft. We were asked to rewrite the proposal. Barb and Debi participated in the rewrite. It will act as a "place-holder" for opportunities for

obtaining grants from King County, grants the Chamber currently is not qualified for. The Board will review the rewrite at the next Board meeting.

New Membership Committee: Debi requested the formation of a New Membership Committee to act as an “ambassador” to the business community. Her time for this important activity is limited. Discussion followed. Ken, Natalie and Patte volunteer to serve on the new committee.

Strawberry Festival: Adjustments to the music agenda are necessary to fit this year’s smaller budget. Debi is working with the musicians to make the music more appropriate to the venues and to confirm sponsorships.

Additional Reports: Linda suggested that in the future the Board solicit opinions from the general membership before it votes on issues like school bonds.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at

NEXT BOARD MEETING: A brief meeting prior to the Board Retreat on 3/2/11 at the PSE conference room, 3:30pm.

Nancy Sipple, Secretary, Vashon Maury Island Chamber of Commerce