

VASHON MAURY ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: June 8, 2011
Location: Puget Sound Energy Conference Room
Presiding: Patti McClements, President
Attending: Patti McClements, President, Barbara Stratton, V.P., Laura Griffith, Treasurer, Nancy Sipple, Secretary, Debi Richards, E.D., Alison Bockus, Gib Dammann, Andrew Davis, Ken Maaz, Molly Reed, Natalie Sheard, Priscilla Schleigh Kimmel, Melinda Sontgerath, Sue Stinson, Ad. Assistant

Absent/Excused: Linda Bianchi

Visitor/Guest: Gary Sipple, Greg Vornbrock, Mark Vornbrock

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: Meeting was called to order at 8:07am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Laura moved and Barb seconded that the minutes be approved as written. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Signers on PSCCU Account: Patte Wagner needs written confirmation listing the signers on the new PSCCU account. Nancy will supply her with a copy of the minutes when the signers were decided.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Update: Laura reported that money is coming in for Strawberry Festival, and the committee is watching the money closely. Booth income to-date is down from last year; some food booths have dropped out and some are choosing smaller booths. Discussion followed. Ken moved and Barb seconded that the financials be approved as presented. All were in favor.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Street Banner Partnership with Island Lumber: Gary Sipple presented a plan to provide advertising/banner space to the Chamber on the side of a building owned by Earl VanBuskirk of Island Lumber. Discussion followed. Sign regulations were investigated by the Town Plan Committee that could include this display if the community wants it. Ken moved and Andy seconded that we move forward with this project. Gib suggested that we form a committee to work on the particulars/policies for this advertising space. Laura, Patti, Natalie, and Gib will join with Gary to define the specifics.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Strawberry Festival: Traditionally, carnival tickets, paid for by a sponsor, have been provided free to low income families. Last year they were available through Youth & Family Services and the Food Bank. Ken knows these families and will determine how many we will need this year. Discussion followed on specific Festival issues.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Committee: Discussion: new member/non-renewing member responses to phone contacts. Discussion: gift bags for new members. All agree that there should be an emphasis on on-Island sourcing/printing etc. We have a goal of 50 new members/year and have an immediate need for 150 gifts.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Possible Windermere Move: With Greg and Mark Vornbrock present for questions, the Board discussed a possible move to the former Windermere building. The Vornbrocks provided a detailed, written statement of their proposal to the Chamber. Gib moved and Molly seconded that we move to the former Windermere building but wait until January. The move failed. After further discussion, Andy moved and Melinda seconded that we accept the proposal from the Vornbrocks as presented. The vote was 7 in favor and 5 against. Those voting against were Molly, Nancy, Barb, Natalie and Ken. Ken moved and Natalie seconded that we form a committee to work out the specifics of the move. All were in favor. Andy, Patti, Debi, Laura and Melinda will make up this committee.

The last two items on the agenda (non-profit fundraising policies and Chamber donation policies) were tabled. The street dance sponsorship discussion will also have to wait until next month's meeting.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 6, 2011, 8:30am, Puget Sound Energy Conference Room
Nancy Sipple, Secretary, Vashon Maury Island Chamber of Commerce