

## VASHON MAURY ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Date/Time:** November 10, 2010  
**Location:** Puget Sound Energy Conference Room  
**Presiding:** President - Linda Bianchi  
**Attending:** President Linda Bianchi, Treasurer Barbara Stratton, Secretary Nancy Sipple, Executive Director Debi Richards, Andrew Davis, Laura Griffith, Patti McClements, Pascal Py, Priscilla Schleigh Kimmel,  
**Absent/Excused:** Patte Wagner, Melinda Sontgerath, Natalie Sheard

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:** Meeting was called to order at 8:38am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Discussion of the minutes centered on the description of events leading to the approval of Debi Richards as ED. Patti will review those events in writing and forward to Nancy for amendment to the minutes. Those minutes will go out to the Board for approval before next month's meeting.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Board Member Responsibilities:** Linda suggested that the current "Board Member Responsibilities and Expectations" be revised/refined/expanded. Discussion followed with many ideas coming from the Board concerning community outreach, membership promotion and increased personal contact with businesses.

**Chamber Lobby Usage:** It was decided that Patti will write a new policy for the use of this space (can non-members use the space? will there be a charge for using the space? etc.).

**Our ED; Her Community Committee Participation:** Lee has been involved in so many groups with her "Chamber hat on". Should Debi continue to do the same? Should the Chamber pay her membership dues/fees etc.? Discussion followed.

**New HR/Personnel Committee:** Linda suggested that we need an HR/Personnel Committee. Discussion followed. It was agreed that we also need a Finance Committee. Patti moved and Andy seconded that we form Personnel and Finance Committees. All were in favor. Patti moved and Laura seconded that Barbara, Laura and Debi will make up that Finance Committee. All were in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Barbara did a brief over-view of the Balance Sheet and the P&L Report. She noted that the biggest change this year is reflected in higher payroll expenses.

**LOGO UPDATE:** We have learned that there is a conflict with the trademarking of our new logo because of our choice of fonts. The exact issues are unclear, but the new logo could not be presented. Lee is meeting with Terri today to clarify.

### **ED REPORT:**

**Bylaws Report:** Debi reported that the Bylaws were sent out and 28 votes came in, so the minimum has been met. The final tally will be announced on 11/18 at the General Membership meeting. We'll also say "farewell" to Lee that night.

Sue Stinson has been chosen to be Debi's assistant after interviewing 7 candidates.

Garland hanging will be the Sunday morning after Thanksgiving at 9:00 behind The Little House. We'll need 6-7 Board members and spouses. After there will be a chili feed at Sound Food.

**General Membership Meeting Location:** Meeting location has become a challenge. New spaces were discussed. Maybe we should include a light breakfast and a learning aspect to these meetings.

**Halloween Recap:** Halloween was a big success.

**November 18<sup>th</sup> Mixer:** There will be a short business meeting from 5:15-5:30 to collect final ballots on the Bylaws. Location for this meeting and mixer will be the Windermere lobby. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer for the mixer. A gift for Lee was discussed.

**Christmas Open House:** We need a bigger sound system for the tree lighting. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will sing and there will be many more “firsts”.

The December Mixer will be at the Bayview Retreat.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Merchants’ Committee:** Efforts to rebuild our relationship with the Merchants’ Committee continue.

**Nominating Committee:** Work is on going. Discussion of possible candidates followed. Ballots will be mailed out 12/1. An email will go out to the general membership to open the application opportunity to all.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** December 8, 2010, The Hardware Store, 8:30am  
*Nancy Sipple, Secretary, Vashon Maury Island Chamber of Commerce*