

VASHON MAURY ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: September 15, 2010
Location: Puget Sound Energy Conference Room
Presiding: Linda Bianchi, President
Attending: Linda Bianchi, President, Barbara Stratton, Treasurer, Nancy Sipple, Secretary, Lee Ockinga, E.D., Andrew Davis, Laura Griffith, Leda Langley, Pascal Py, Molly Reed, Priscilla Schleigh Kimmel, Melinda Sontgerath,

Absent/Excused: Natalie Sheard, V.P., Matt Lawrence, Patti McClements, Patte Wagner

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: Meeting was called to order at 8:34am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no minutes to approve yet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Linda opened a discussion of graffiti in the community. The Board decided it does not consider graffiti a major community issue and the Chamber has no budget for addressing it. Suggestion: add a link to the Chamber site that deals with anti-graffiti tactics for business owners.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara reported that we are still showing a profit and that the biggest differences between this year's and last year's entries are due to classification corrections.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS and MISCELLANEOUS:

Barbara reported that the **MERCHANT GROUP** is concerned about our passing on to them the leg-work responsibilities for Halloween, Spring Fling and Christmas opening night. We will still cover insurance, street closures and police presence

The **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH** has received 35 applications, some from far away responding to our Craig's List ad. Eight were chosen to interview. One applicant withdrew. All but one of the remaining applicants are local. Next week's interviews will narrow the field down to three.

Priscilla reported on a personal connection program called **CONSTANT CONTACT** that she thinks would be good for the Chamber to introduce to its members. Perhaps we'll invite a spokesman to make a presentation to a general membership meeting. The program teaches the power of email marketing, social media.

Barbara reported that the **CREDIT UNION** is a "go". It might lease the Books by the Way space and plans to open in January. Its focus will be weatherization loans.

The Board discussed the possibilities for an **ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATION** on Vashon. There are plans for one on Fauntleroy but not on Vashon. We would have to pay to have it installed. The Chamber owns 240 amp power poles used for the Strawberry Festival which might open the possibility for such an installation.

BY-LAWS AND POLICIES DISCUSSION:

After a short discussion of the Articles of Incorporation, Lee led the Board in a long review and discussion of the new revisions to the Chamber's By-Laws. This final revision will be sent out to the general membership for their review. Lee emphasized that "Policies" have to be in accordance with the By-Laws and can be changed by each Board.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 13, 2010, 8:30am, Puget Sound Energy Conference Room
Nancy Sipple, Secretary, Vashon Maury Island Chamber of Commerce