

Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce

Regular meeting: February 21, 2008, 6:00 pm (3rd Thursday)

Where: Career Center Building in Marlinton

Directors present: Sherry Radcliff, Dave Cain, Kevin Wingfield, Jud Worth, Nelson Hernandez, Bill Harold, and Ginny for Jerry Ramos, Malinda Meck

Directors absent: Helen Woolridge and Gayle Boyette.

General Members Present: Mike Simms and John Mutscheller

1. Call to order and welcome special guests, Coby Brown, Melissa Aquilar and Deana Keener
2. Approve minutes of January 24, 2007 meeting - Motion made to approve as presented by Kevin, seconded by Bill and passed.
3. Treasurers Report
 - a. Review – Current bank statement is the same as Decembers as there were no transactions. A statement was presented of two outstanding checks dated in 2006. Motion was made to delete two \$90 checks from 2006. Motion by Jud, second by Nelson and approved.
 - b. Other disbursements for approval – payment was approved for Red Eft, PO Box and the state chamber bills.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Service Award update – we have a cherry plaque to be engraved by Pocahontas Woods for the 2007 service award. This will be presented at the Annual Dinner Meeting. Cost is \$35 per plaque.
 - b. Web site report – Domain name report on old domain name. Malinda will check with Red Eft to see if we could just use the old domain name since it comes up faster. Also check statistics on the site hits. Motion was made to pay the \$12 fee to forward from our old domain name to our new one if we can't just use our old one. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Jud and approved. Jud is to write up a newspaper article for the new website and benefits of the chamber.
 - c. Frontier internet contracts – Mike will check to see if our contract has been finalized and get us our member number to use.
 - d. Nominating committee report – Accepting the position as Board members for 2008, \Sherry Radcliff, Kevin Wingfield, David Cain, Malinda Meck, Helen Woolridge, Bill Harold, Mike Simms, Jerry Ramos, Nelson Hernandez, and Gail Hyer representing the CVB.

- e. Annual meeting – speaker, Senator Walt Helmick, March 27, Mt. Quest -
 - Meal – Approved Pork or Salmon with Clam Chowder Soup, Mozzarella and Tomato salad, Snow Peas and Roasted Potatoes with Rosemary for a price of \$25 or less
 - Invitations
 - Contact
 - Agenda – Walt will speak and will check and see if Work Force will do a small presentation. Also see if Maggie from Red Eft could do a quick over view of the new website.
 - Motion was made to increase our annual dues to \$100 effective after the Annual Meeting. Motion by Bill, Second by Jud and approved.
5. Honda Association – This group will be here October of this year and then the main event is June 2009. Discussion was about the Chamber members offering discounts to the group.
6. New Business:
 - a. What would you like to see our 2008 chamber accomplish? See the compiled list of ideas and goals.
 - b. Mission – Promoting business in the birthplace of rivers
 - c. Drug Coalition – Poster report by Ginny Ramos on doing a poster similar to WVU’s and using our high school children. The featured kids will have to voluntarily pass a drug test to be on the poster. The request was for the Chamber to be one of the sponsors of this project for \$200. Motion was made by Malinda, seconded by Dave and approved.
 - d. Our EIN number is still active with the state but had been canceled with the federal. Dave is working on getting it reactivated with the IRS. Also on the stimulus tax rebates, Dave is doing a free tax return for qualifying people.
 - e. A card was signed for Mel and also the motion was made to get a plaque thanking him for his service to the Chamber. Motion by Dave second by Nelson and passed. Ginny and Jerry will take care of this with the service award.
7. Next meeting – March 20, 2008, where Marlinton Library
8. Adjournment – Motion by Jud, Second by Bill and approved