

**Chamber of Commerce
Minutes
September 22, 2009**

The regularly scheduled semi-monthly meeting of the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 8:04 am by Chamber President Debbie Taylor.

First order of business was to appoint a Chamber Secretary to fill the position vacated by Christina Kitchen. Christy Glonek nominated Trisha Broughton. The vote was taken in favor of the nomination and Trisha was appointed successor Secretary.

Introductions:

Present were Danny Meeks, Trisha Broughton, Cecil Andrews, Linda Downey, Paul Long, Christy Glonek, Pam Burley, Vervia Gabriel, Robin Kapelke, Jim Kapelke, Mark Sarandos, Josh Bagwell, Teri Free, Tera Trask, Jude Anderson, Lyle Romack, Ken Oakes, Val Oakes, Sharon Ashton and Jeanenne Hoyt.

New Business:

2010 Granite Falls Directory:

Matt Hartman discussed the directory, published each year as a community service and Chamber fundraiser. Matt is no longer able to allocate time to the tasks involved in gathering, verifying and publishing the directory. He resigned effective immediately but would be available to give direction and support to his replacement. No one volunteered to fill this position; it was left vacant for the time being.

Old Business:

Railroad Days:

Updates were discussed including the beer garden (liquor license, beer order, servers, estimated profits, music, setup, takedown, cleanup, id bracelets, banner, newspaper ad, and insurance) as well as other event volunteers, tee shirts, porta-potty rental, children's events, vendor booths, parade, events schedule.

Post cards:

Cecil Andrews had postcards made at a cost of \$22. for 100 and are being sold at Robin's Nest for \$1.00. Additional postcards will be added. Pictures of Granite Falls were requested for this purpose.

Chamber By-Laws:

Cecil has put the Chamber By-Laws on the Chamber website for review.

Motorcross:

Mark Sarandos reported there have been no updates regarding the Motocross; neither has there been any County activity; no dates set for upcoming hearings.

Lodge Plans:

Ken Oakes discussed the progress regarding the proposed lodge and associated restaurant and retail shopping. A dinner was held on 9/19 with investors and business leaders present. Plans are developing to include the implementation of local materials, labor and funding to take Granite Falls to a national park quality resort destination. Further discussion included the future economy of the City, marketing strategies, "the legend", and Granite Falls "dollars". A series of town meetings are scheduled to present the information to the community and prospective investors, the first to be held Saturday, 10/10 at 11:00 at the Granite Falls High School Performing Arts Center.

Halloween:

Plans are developing as the Chamber, in cooperation with businesses in town prepare to celebrate Halloween as a community. A map of participating businesses will be designed and available for trick-or-treaters at the Whistle Stop and Alfy's. There will be a Halloween party at Gen-Care with resident decorations to be judged by local Girl Scout troops.

Business to Business:

The Robin's Nest website is now available with online merchandise and shopping. The Whistle Stop is online with a menu where lunch requests can be called in for pick-up orders

Chamber Website:

Cecil Andrews, webmaster, informed the members of the information update on the website.

Next Chamber Meeting:

The date and time of the next meeting is Tuesday, 9/13 at 6:30 with the Board Meeting at 5:30 at Alfy's.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10am.

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