

Divide Chamber of Commerce Business Meeting Minutes February 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Lisa Lee in the office upstairs above Shipping Plus.

In Attendance: Lisa Lee, President; David Martinek, Vice President; Lee Taylor, Board Member; Joe Kain, Board Member; and Guests: Carmon Styles (CPRAA), Tim Sanders (Norwegian Woods), Diana Allen (Community Partnership FRC), Mary Barrowman, Prospect Home Care and Liz Williams (Mary Kay Cosmetics).

Introductions were made and Lisa acknowledged that the minutes from the January 14th Business Meeting had been approved by email. Lisa also acknowledged the pizza provided by the Chamber (through Nancy Desilets, who could not attend). She also announced that Jodi Mijares, Chamber Secretary, was out of town and could not attend either.

Lisa reported that Nancy Desilets was still working on getting signature cards from Park State Bank in order to change the Chamber's checking/savings accounts to Park State.

Going around the table, Officers and Board members made the following reports:

Joe Kain showed examples of T-shirts with the Divide Chamber logo embossed on them as part of a proposal he made to the Chamber to produce the shirts for sale to the public. He circulated a pricing scenario and proposed to sell the shirts to the Chamber for from \$9 to \$11 each, with a recommended retail price to the public of from \$15 to \$17. All members in attendance were agreeable to the proposal.

The adhoc events committee, composed of Dave Martinek, Lee Taylor and Jeannine Kuntz, reported that they had met and discussed possible events for 2009. Their recommendation was that the Chamber continue their participation in the annual Kite Flight (schedule for June 6, 2009) and resume Christmas in Divide (pending finding a location for Christmas in Divide – see below). The committee also recommended that the Chamber hold one other fund-raising event during the year (yet to be determined).

On the same subject, Lee Taylor followed up with a report about his recent conversation with the principal of Summit Elementary School. He confirmed that the school WILL host the 2009 Christmas in Divide event in whatever manner is appropriate – liability insurance (which was an obstacle in 2008) being no longer a problem.

Lee went on to review current family placement efforts in Habitat for Humanity homes in the area. He stated that Habitat was starting construction of home(s) in April in

Sherwood Forest and that one of their homes in Cripple Creek was still unoccupied. He projected that two houses may be ready for occupancy by Thanksgiving, and if anyone knew of any candidates for residency in these homes, they should forward the names to him. Carmon Styles indicated that he had a family to recommend and would get with Lee after the meeting.

Carmon Styles, representing the CPRAA, reported that the association would hold a half-day Public Services Fair on June 20th at the Florissant Fire Department. He also described a Rocky Mountain Luah (pig roast) scheduled for the first week in August. He thought they may also hold a car show later in the year (not firm), or perhaps a BBQ. He described the efforts to publish the first revived edition of the Ute Country News and gave his phone number to anyone who wanted to buy advertising (687-5487).

Dave Martinek talked a little about the renovation of Venture Foods that was presently ongoing (scheduled for a May reopening). Joe Kain said that the owners of Venture Foods, the Lagree family, had a website that talked about the renovation (www.lagreefoodstores.com).

Mary Barrowman suggested that for our next Chamber meeting on Wednesday, March 11th, that we have a “Welcome and Wow” Party in the same location above Shipping Plus – a pot-luck dinner to allow members to network with others. That suggestion was agreed to and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Recorder and Acting Secretary
David Martinek