

**Divide Chamber of Commerce
Business Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2009**

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

In attendance: Lisa Lee, President; David Martinek, Vice President; Nancy Desilets, Treasurer; Jodi Mijares, Secretary; Joe Kain, Board Member; Lee Taylor, Board Member; Guests Liz Williams, Linda and John Greene, Diana Allen

Introductions were made.

Memberships:

Jodi reported that we are now up to 50 memberships.

Christmas in Divide:

Christmas in Divide will be held on Sat. Nov. 14 at Summit Elementary School. A committee meeting for planning this event will be held on Thurs. Aug. 6. It was suggested that this planning meeting should be held at Summit, so that the committee could see the facility. Jodi will send Eric Owen an email to see if this would be possible, and to invite him to the committee meeting. Lisa will email Brenda Baker to invite her to the committee meeting.

DCC Holiday Party:

John Wesley Ranch has offered to host a DCC function at their facility at no charge. We would be responsible for hiring our own catering. Discussion took place about the possibility of having the DCC Holiday Party held there, with Tracey Killday to cater it. Jodi will email John Wesley Ranch and invite them to a monthly meeting to discuss these ideas.

THE Coalition Fundraiser:

Will be held at the WP Library on Sat. evening, Nov. 14. There will be a presentation and book signing by the photographer of Colorado's Book of the Year, *Colorado Scenic Byways*. THE Coalition will have copies of the book available for purchase at a reduced price. The books make excellent Christmas gifts.

Midland Depot Work Day:

THE Coalition is looking for volunteers to help work on the depot on Sat. July 25. Priority is being placed on getting weight off the floor, as this is stressing the original joists, considered a historic part of the building. Other projects include maintenance for the plywood window coverings, and digging a trench around the foundation so that it can dry out. Please contact Nancy Desilets or David Martinek if you are able to volunteer.

Kite Flight:

Lee proposed some ideas for changing the date of the Kite Flight for next year. It was agreed that the weather is too unpredictable in June. It is no longer necessary to hold this event on National Trails Day, since the county is no longer able to participate significantly. It was suggested that

we find another organization to share this event with, to make it more appealing to attendees. Lisa suggested we hold it in conjunction with the Divide Fire Station's Pancake Breakfast, held the Sunday of Labor day weekend.

DCC Newsletter:

Lisa proposed the idea of creating a quarterly newsletter to be mailed out, to help increase the awareness of DCC. Concerns were the cost, and the work of creating articles. Other possibilities suggested were that we run a column or insertion in the Ute Country News, or place more emphasis on our website.

Fund Raising Workshop:

The WP Library will be holding a Fundraising and Special Events Workshop on Tues. July 21 from 10am-12pm.

CPFRC:

Diana announced that Community Partnership's new Community Resource Directory is completed, available, and awesome!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next monthly meeting will be held on Wed. Aug. 12 at 6pm above Shipping Plus.

Jodi Mijares
Secretary