

**Divide Chamber of Commerce
Business Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Lisa Lee at John Wesley Ranch.

In attendance: Lisa Lee, President; David Martinek, Vice President; Nancy Desilets, Treasurer; Jodi Mijares, Secretary; Joe Kain, Board Member; Guests Kenny Funk, Carmon and Beverly Stiles, Tom Romano, Marilyn Hill, Kat Pederson, and Mary Barrowman

Introductions were made.

THE Coalition Fundraiser: Will be held at the WP Library on Sat. evening, Nov. 14 from 5-8 pm. There will be a presentation and book signing by the photographer and the author 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 of \$60-65, reduced from \$80. The books make excellent Christmas gifts. There will be a cash bar, silent auction, and appetizers at this event.

Divide Fire: Will begin Fire Safety Inspections of businesses. New fire codes will be put into place in 18 months. These inspections will give business owners a head start on any changes that need to be made. Divide Fire also offers wild land fire mitigation and home inspections.

Ute Country News: Carmon and Beverly reported that distribution of the paper is up to 8,000 copies, with 5 distribution points in Woodland Park. The paper is receiving great feedback and requests for more copies. The paper focuses on historical, local, and positive news, plus coverage of regional activities.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy reported the account balances:

Building Account: \$3655

Operating Checking: \$235

Operating Savings: \$2079

Income and expenses are relatively the same as in 2008, with the exception of a paid DCC contractor and income from Christmas in Divide still to come.

Fundraising ideas:

- A possible presentation by Mel McFarland and other railroad experts to be held at John Wesley Ranch sometime in March 2010. This event could be co-sponsored by THE Coalition and DCC.
- A music festival
- Raise membership dues in 2011
- Offer different levels of membership

Christmas in Divide:

- Joe reported that 19 crafter spaces have already sold, and of these, 9 are jewelry vendors. Joe suggested that we do not accept any more jewelry vendors, as a successful craft fair must have a good variety of products. All agreed.

- Brenda Baker is working on the music line up which so far includes Summit Singers, Cresson Dance, Craig Harmes' Brass Ensemble, Cedar Mountain Music, and possibly Karen Taylor, Harpist, and the Middle School Band.
- Santa has his own suit, and does not need to borrow Liz Williams' suit.
- PTSO will be selling hot food, leaving DCC with the bake sale, silent auction, and Santa pictures as fundraisers.
- David Martinek made a motion to cancel the raffle, since licensing could become difficult. Nancy Desilets seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Liz can begin calling all members for Silent Auction and Bake Sale donations. Jodi will send postcards to those Liz can't reach by phone.
- Jodi will send the event flyer to Guy Arseneau for approval to distribute it to Summit students.
- We need to find volunteers to help during the event with the Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Chamber table, helping Joe check crafters in, and helping with pictures with Santa. (David may have a friend who can help with the pictures.)
- The next Christmas in Divide committee meeting will be held on Tues. Oct. 27 at 6 pm at Summit Elementary.

Thank you to Kenny Funk for hosting the meeting at John Wesley Ranch, and to Lisa and Nancy for bringing dinner!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. **The next monthly meeting will be held on Wed. Nov. 11 at 6pm at John Wesley Ranch. All are welcome to attend.**

Jodi Mijares
Secretary