

**Divide Chamber of Commerce
 Monthly Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, September 8, 2010
 The Midland Depot, Divide, CO**

ROLL CALL	MEMBER
Present	Lisa Lee, President
Present	David Martinek, Vice President
Present	Jodi Mijares, Secretary
VACANT	VACANT
Present	Joe Kain, Director
Absent	Beverly Stiles, Director
Present	Andy String, Director
Present	Lee Taylor, Director

Attendees: Karen Casey-Svetich, Yvette Engel

ITEM	DISCUSSION
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Roll Call	Roll was called at 6:20 pm.
Minutes	Minutes from the August meeting were approved by email prior to this meeting.
Welcome	Lisa Lee led introductions and welcome.
Treasurer Position	Has not yet been filled. Jodi has updated the books and will handle all treasurer duties until the position is filled.
Christmas in Divide	Joe has volunteered to sign up vendors and assign booths. Jodi will update registration materials and post them on the web. Prices will remain the same until the economy improves. Lisa will design a postcard to mail out. Nov 13 th will be the event date. Community Partnership's MSASP would like a booth to sell their art at Xmas in Divide. Would DCC donate a booth, or put them in the lobby? Advertising efforts need to expand for this year: Courier, everything that is free, flyers through schools-Jed Bowman. Boast on new advertising efforts. Drawing item? Have something donated from Wal-Mart. Christmas in Divide committee will schedule at least two meetings prior to the event at Summit. Will Liz Williams volunteer to run the Silent Auction? Will CR Chambers volunteer to do photos with Santa? David will see if Don can be Santa again.

Kite Flight

We need to send a thank you letter to Wal-Mart. The bike they donated went to Samuel Cordova. Rey Cordova owns Big Sky Auto and is a Chamber member. The weekend weather was great. Fliers went out through all schools WP & CC + MOPS. 106 kites were given out. About 300 people attended. Community Partnership had a booth. They invited about 80 families, many who attended the event. A story ran in the Extra. We need to send Thank You letters to Superintendent Jed Bowman, Fred Clifford (liability), and the principal of CC Elementary School. Ideas for next year:

1. More food offered. Corporate sponsor options.
2. PTSO bake sale.
3. Sign promoting member businesses.
4. Buckshots could grill hot dogs at event.
5. Generate business by slowing people down and having them hang out in Divide.
6. Stamp card to tour different businesses. Enter for raffle, passport.
7. Form a committee for next year. Lee and David need one more person.
8. Same date next year.

DCBO

Will be organized by the end of the year. Pete will notify organizations when the time comes.

BBQ

Venture Foods and Ancestral Arts hosted a BBQ over Labor Day weekend to benefit Jerry's Kids. They raised about \$300 for MS.

The Depot

Divide Chamber will use Building Savings funds to purchase blinds for the Depot. Measurements and estimates are needed for the bottom three windows and the upstairs office.

Christmas Dinner

Need to check with Kenny Funk about the possibility of having it at John Wesley Ranch again this year.

Business After Hours

Could have it at John Wesley Ranch. Need to invite a speaker. Invite Jen Bowman?

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13th at the Midland Depot.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jodi Mijares

Secretary, Divide Chamber of Commerce