

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 10, 2010
Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce
Civic Center Public Conference Room
12:00 Noon

CALL TO ORDER – Section 1

President Moss called the Board Meeting to order at 12:21 p.m. Present are: President Moss, Vice President Banks, Treasurer Jones, Directors Brock, Christoffersen, Flanagan, and Pistoresi. Director Harrell arrived at 12:40 a.m. Absent was: Past President Scroggins

PUBLIC COMMENT – Section 2

President Moss asked for any public comments, no one requesting to speak Public Comment was closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR– Section 3

Action: Ratify Minutes and Attendance of January 20, 2010, Board of Directors Strategic Planning and Board Meeting.

Motion made by Director Flanagan, seconded by Vice President Banks, to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. There being no discussion, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE – Section 4

- 4.1 Six Flags Magic Kingdom *Coasters for a Cause* fund raising offer.
- 4.2 B S & A Marketing *Chamber Amazing (insert name of) County or Town Race* fund raising project.
- 4.3 Crossroads Christian School sponsorship of their school program request.
- 4.4 Voters First Act to support Prop 11. President Moss recommended forwarding all support requests to a Committee to review and then bring back to the Board for a recommendation. Following a discussion Director Brock agreed to review support requests.
- 4.5 Intuit QuickBooks Merchant Services for PC's offering credit card ability. Discussion followed regarding feasibility of this service. Director Harrell volunteered to provide the Board with information on renting a credit card machine for events.

Director Jones inquired if any further correspondence was received from Charlie Altekruise for the North Fork Mono Rancheria. Manager Flanagan advised that since the Board decided upon no action at the January Meeting nothing further had been sent from the Board. However, since Mr. Altekruise did inquire about the Board's position at a recent meeting, Manager Flanagan stated she had advised him that the Board had taken no further action in the matter regarding changing their position at this time.

REPORTS – Section 5

5.1 Administrative Reports

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Jones reported that she had met with Manager Flanagan to review and understand the financial reports. Treasurer Jones presented the 2010 Budget that includes the changes recommended at the January Meeting.

Treasurer Jones reviewed the P&L, the Awards & Installation Dinner Budget P&L, and the Aging Summary. Treasurer Jones reported she had contact one of the businesses on the list regarding renewing the 2009 dues. Director Flanagan noted he contacted a couple of the businesses regarding renewal of their dues.

Motion made by Director Flanagan, seconded by Director Harrell, that a letter be sent to the nine businesses stating their membership is being suspended but understand due to these economic times their inability to renew their 2009 membership and will welcome them back when times are better. No further discussion, motion passed.

5.1c Manager Report:

Manager Flanagan announced new member Lombardi & Gilles, Attorneys at Law, will be located at 1300 W. Robertson Blvd. in early March. Currently have 79 members renewed for 2010. Plans are being discussed regarding a ribbon cutting and mixer sometime late March or early April.

Manager Flanagan reported Ribbon Cutting for March 11th will be the Ribbon Cutting at Bajatech Construction Company, 1001 W. Robertson. They will also have an open house following the ribbon cutting.

Manager Flanagan noted that she will be attending the City Coalition Leadership on February 19 at the Civic Center.

Manager Flanagan asked the Directors to keep the Committee Sign-Up Sheet that is in their packet for future reference. Vice President Banks was reminded per the By-Laws the Vice President is responsible for all committees.

5.2 Committee Reports

Working:

Valentine Wine Express

President Moss reported that three (3) tickets are the only tickets left to be sold. President Moss asked that all unsold tickets be returned to the Chamber Manager. Raffle prizes are still be solicited if any Director has any that have not been delivered to the Chamber office.

Maps

Manager Flanagan reported that the final proof is being sent today. A change to the map was made due to the City pulling one of their ads which required a proof approval and some additional charges for graphic changes made. Manager Flanagan inquired if the Board wanted to postpone the map printing for another month in order for the Board to review. Decision was made to proceed so the maps will be available for sale and distribution through businesses on a Consignment Sale Contract.

Christmas Decoration Purchase & Refurbishing

Director Flanagan reported that the January Awards & Installation Dinner auction added to the refurbishing fund an additional \$2050.00 which provides \$4195.00 for refurbishing the old Christmas decoration per the Board's previous action to use the dinner dessert auction funds for the refurbishing project.

Director Flanagan said a Christmas Decoration Committee will be meeting in early March to purchase the rest of the decorations from the Grant funds. Director Flanagan noted there is still approximately \$20,000.00 to be used for the purchase of new decorations and electrical outlets.

Car Show:

Director Flanagan asked to address the request of a local car group to expand the judging of the cars to include a "contemporary pony class". The Board agreed in January to allow the Car Show Committee to decide what categories to display.

Ad Hoc:

2011 Boat Races Fact Finding

Vice President Banks reported he held a brief informal meeting with Council Member Alexander concerning the Board Races. Council Member Alexander's, if water is availability, the main concerns were financial to the City to have the event at Berenda Reservoir with the key concerns being liability and cost. As a result of the meeting, Vice President Banks noted that Council Member Alexander said he would take the email about the 2011 Boat Race proposal for consideration to Mayor Kopshever. Discussion followed regarding pros and cons, the Chamber's roll regarding the races, resource commitment and/or be facilitators to get all the groups previously involved in the past boat races. Vice President Banks was directed by President Moss to meet with suggested Lions members to determine their commitment to this event and a letter stating their commitment or release. Determination of the Board was to move forward to insure the event comes to Chowchilla.

Grant Application for Community Event Fact Finding

Manager Flanagan reported from the January request to present fact finding on costs for a community event to submit a Madera County Community Grant request. President Moss instructed Manager Flanagan to review the Grant Application Requirement as well as send a copy to each Board Member in order to be prepared to discuss at the March Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – Section 6

6.1 Action: 2010 Budget

Motion made by Director Flanagan, seconded by Director Christoffersen, to accept the 2010 Budget as presented by Treasurer Jones. There being no further discussion, the motion passed.

6.2 Action: Manager Evaluation & 2010 Contract – President Moss

President Moss reported the Managers Evaluation and recommended changes to the current contract:

- Change the contract from one (1) year to three (3) years
- Change the mileage rate to \$50.00 flat rate per month for in-town driving and \$.50/mile for out of town Chamber business travel.
- Vacation time earned will be taken in the next calendar year. Any vacation time earned not taking within the following year must be taken no later than within the first 90 days of the second following year.

Discussion followed with Director Pistoresi suggesting to make a change to approval of compensation time.

- Compensation time for time worked outside the daily assigned hours will be approved by the Committee Chairperson of the event that required the Manager to work the additional time. The President of the Board would approve Comp Days off.

Motion made by Treasurer Jones, seconded by Director Pistoresi, to accept the changes to the current contract as reported above by President Moss. A roll call vote was taken: President Moss, yes, Vice President Banks, yes; Treasurer Jones, yes; Director Brock, yes; Director Christoffersen, yes; Director Flanagan, abstain; Director Harrell, yes; Director Pistoresi, yes. Past President Scroggins and Directors Bump and Chavez not present for vote. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS – Section 7

No New Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 8

8.1 2nd Annual Valentine Wine Express, February 13, depart Farnesi's at 11a

8.2 Sober Grad Sweetheart Dinner, Cornerstone Church, February 15

ADJOURNMENT – Section 9

President Moss asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Treasurer Jones, seconded by Director Christoffersen, to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Motion passed with no further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacki Flanagan
Board Secretary