



# Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes

February 9, 2010

The regular meeting of the Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce was held on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. Members present: Walt Perry, Karen Wells, Sheryl Forrest, Mike Meyers, Mersha Studer, Kimberly Santana, Bob Ovendale, Vicki Ovendale, Larry Sykes, Michael Clonch, Kay Tessen, Mary Ottele, Kent Klewitz, Cathie Harrington, and Ron Cairns.

## **I) Welcome and Introductions**

- a. There is a new Member Present. Ron from Albany Stoves. Albany Stoves sells wood, gas, and pellet stoves. They do Sales, service, repairs, chimney sweeps, site inspections, real estate inspections. After August 2010, any time a house changes hands, if it has an un-coded or uncertified wood stove, it has to be removed or replaced prior to the sale of the home. This is also the last year of the tax credit for wood stoves.

## **II) Minutes from January 12th 2010**

- a. Motion to approve January 12th minutes with a correction to Jeff Marcec's last name made by Kimberly Santana, seconded by Bob Ovendale. All approved motion carried.

## **III) Treasurers Report**

- a. Sent via email by Nancy.
- b. Income
  - i. \$518 in January from Dues. Sent a list of the accounts that are outstanding. Walt plans on going through this list and following up with some of the outstanding members.
- c. No further invoices to be paid. Motion to approve treasurers report made by Cathie Harrington, seconded by Mersha Studer. All approved motion carried.

## **IV) Additions to Agenda**

- a. There were no additions to the agenda.

## **V) New Business**

- a. **Festival of the Flowers** – May 1<sup>st</sup> 9-4
  - i. Close Main Street from Union Street down to the Fire Department. The Lions Club hopes to be putting on a pancake breakfast. Harts Nursery will have their flowers for sales as well as other local vendors.
  - ii. The last two years Bob and Vicki have been the Chamber representation. Larry Sykes will be making a schedule for chamber members to sign up to represent the chamber and their businesses at the festival.
- b. **Website** – Clare Troutman is the chairperson for the website, and currently the only person able to work on and update the website. We would like to have anyone with website experience that could or would like to help her please contact Nancy Hamby or come to the chamber meetings. Nancy Hamby will be contacting Dave who previously was working on the website to see if he would be able to help.



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- i. Updates to be made are adding the chamber calendar, new member business information and chamber minutes, etc.
- ii. If there are any update that members would like to see on the website please let us know so we can make one big change and help ease the work load of the website committee

## VI) Old Business - Updates

- a. Membership- Walt Perry – Wanting to see more people coming into the Chamber. He is happy to see a few new faces.
  - i. Look into doing a 10 minute presentation/spotlight each meeting from one business to promote and teach others about their business.
- b. Open House -
  - i. Columbia Spas, February 19<sup>th</sup> 8am, Dress Warmly
  - ii. Troutman Photography – March
  - iii. Medical Clinic - April
  - iv. City of Jefferson - May
- c. Adopt-A-Highway – April 10<sup>th</sup>
- d. Welcome Wagon –
  - i. Send out Postcards to all the new people and let them know that there will be welcome bags available at certain locations.
  - ii. Coupons to go into a coupon book from the membership businesses.
    1. Coupon orders will be due back by March 9<sup>th</sup> 2010
  - iii. Committee requests a \$500 budget to proceed with coupon books and welcome bags. Mary Ottele moved to except the budget request seconded by Kimberly Santana. All approved motion carries
- e. Flag Honor Guard – Monday – Bob & Vicki Ovendale will be putting out flags
- f. Website/Marketing -
- g. Mint Festival
  - i. Brenda from Jefferson Medical Clinic will be handling Press Releases
    1. Asking for nominations for Grand Marshall of the parade. Send nominations to [info@mintfestival.com](mailto:info@mintfestival.com)
  - ii. Need a chair for the Beer & Wine Garden
  - iii. Need More Volunteers (entry table, bike parking, Beer & Wine Garden, games, etc.)
  - iv. Need 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls for the Royal Court
  - v. Tentative prizes-
    1. \$500 cash + 2 nights at Inn at 7<sup>th</sup> Mountain
    2. \$250 for Shilo Inn
    3. 2 Tickets to a Beaver Football Game in Skybox
    4. \$150 Jefferson Hometown Market
- h. Budget Committee – No meeting was held in January
  - i. In March a budget will be ready for the Chamber to pass.
- i. Community Center
  - i. Received a \$35,000 Grant for -



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1. Flooring
2. 6 Book Cases
3. 2 Storage Units

ii. Writing another Grant for \$10,000

**VII) Information/Announcements**

- 1) Next chamber Luncheon Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> La Espiga at noon
- 2) Chamber Open House Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at Columbia Spas 8:00am
- 3) Parks & Recreation Board Approved the Chamber to be able to post items on their information sign.

**Adjourn**