

Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting
February 26, 2009
Green Bank Library

The meeting, held at the Green Bank Library, was called to order by President Malinda Meck at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Gail Hyer, Sherry Radcliff, Malinda Meck, Kevin Wingfield, Bill Harold, Nelson Hernandez, and David Cain. Michael Holstine from NRAO was a guest.

The **minutes** of the January meeting were amended replacing the date of April 18 for the April 4th date listed on page two as the designated date for the Make It Shine Project which has been approved by the state. Motion to approve by member Hernandez, second by member Wingfield, approved.

Treasurer Cain made a **financial report** and included copies of the most recent bank statement of January 30, 2009 with a balance of \$15,796.97 with no outstanding encumbrance. Member Radcliff made motion, seconded by member Wingfield, the monthly report be accepted as offered; passed unanimously.

Business and service awards were discussed. Member Hyer will invite both the business and the service winners to the event on March 26. President Meck will ask member Ramos to contact member Malcolm, who offered to help financially with the project, and secure the two plaques from the vendor.

President Meck reported on the **Web site activity** for the month of January. There were 2453 sessions on the site with the index, festival and directory the most trafficked. Further discussion transpired to install the Pay Pal on the site so viewers could purchase the WV Roadkill Cook-off merchandise. Member Cain offered to contact Ms. WV RoadKill Cook-off and ask her to be the model in the photographs.

Member Hyer informed the group the **staffing committee** could not take any further action until the 501 (C) (6) status for the Chamber was secured. Member Cain indicated he would work on this project the month of March for Board review. He highlighted that the initial paperwork included a 29 page application to the IRS. Member Radcliff made a motion, seconded by Member Wingfield, to proceed with the IRS application and to allow \$1000.00 for such filing fees; motion passed.

The **Chamber Choice** was not present at the meeting and conversation ensued that perhaps they were not ready for public discussion of the project. President Meck will follow up with the contact information from Member Cain.

The **Make It Shine project** was then discussed. Member Hernandez encouraged everyone to make contact with scout troops, 4H leaders, any youth or community group to assist with the Make It Shine Project, which will center along the Greenbrier River Trail and the Greenbrier River at Marlinton and which will be April 18. Member Given will be asked to work with the local newspapers to get the time and schedule in the paper. Member Hyer offered to make posters if the other members would help with the distribution. The final version of the chamber brochure was distributed

for comment and input. Member Cain made the motion, seconded by member Hernandez to order 2000 brochures at a cost of 757.00 plus tax, passed unanimously. Member Hyer said she would make the final contact with Progress Press.

Member Wingfield reported on the **nominating committee**. He suggested we ask John Mutscheller if he wanted to replace Mike Sims' name representing Frontier Communications. Member Hyer will make contact with member Mutscheller.

Guest Michael Holstine took the floor for a discussion of uniform broadband service throughout the county. Member Cain made a motion, seconded by member Wingfield, "that the Chamber provides a letter of support for the proposal to pursue the Cyber Infrastructure Project"; passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be March 19, 2009 at the Snowshoe Career Center.

Meeting to adjourn by member Wingfield, seconded by member Radcliff; passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hyer, Secretary