

Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting
McClintic Library Marlinton WV
April 16, 2009

The meeting, held at the McClintic Library, was called to order by President Malinda Meck at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Gail Hyer, Sherry Radcliff, Malinda Meck, John Mutscheller, Kevin Wingfield, Nelson Hernandez, Gayle Boyette, and David Cain.

The **minutes** of the March meeting were approved after a motion by member Wingfield and a second by member Cain.

Member Wingfield made a motion the slate of officers approved by the general membership on March 26 be approved, second by member Hernandez, passed unanimously. Following that action, current officers agreed to stay in their respective positions for the 2009 year. They include: Malinda Meck – President; Kevin Wingfield – Vice President; Gail Hyer – Secretary and David Cain – Treasurer.

Because there were no current transactions available from the new bank, the **financial report was tabled** until the next meeting. Treasurer Cain supplied a list of expenses which included: \$123.45 for Red Eft, Progress Press in Roanoke for \$821.10 for brochure printing, and \$140.00 reimbursed back to David Cain for paying WVAFF dues.

Under old business: It was agreed that member **Given will write and send a thank you note** to Rick Malcolm of J & P Furniture thanking him for providing the financing for the service awards.

President Meck reported on the **Web site activity** for the month of March was 3304 sessions up from last month's 1755 sessions; new hits are going to the Festival page. There was no follow-up discussion on initiating PayPal on the site for the sale of T-shirts.

The group discussed when to have representatives of **Chamber Choice** come to speak to the group. It was agreed to wait until more details and a follow-up plan were offered before obligating to a date.

Member Mutscheller indicated he had no specific **news on the CVB** at this time except to mention the Great Greenbrier River Race would be held on Saturday April 25th and asked those who could to come out and support it this year.

Member Wingfield of the **budgeting committee** indicated the committee would have a proposed budget of next year expenditures at the next meeting.

Member Radcliff suggested Sheets GMC in Green Bank was interested in hosting an **“After Hours”** event and that she will follow-up and provide information at the next meeting.

President Meck appointed Gail Hyer, Sunny Given and Nelson Hernandez to the **Friendly Merchant committee** to develop a program for including the entire county in that effort.

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. Clean up crews will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Marlinton Elementary School parking area. Thanks to Nelson for all his efforts on this project!

Treasurer Cain informed the group he was continuing to work on the group's **501 (c) (6) status** as well as passing out a copy of the prescribed form. Member Cain will continue to work on this project and let the Board know when it is finished.

A letter concerning **KidFid** was passed around for information; the Chamber took no action.

President Meck appointed Gail Hyer, David Cain and John Mutscheller to the policy committee and asked they meet and review policies enacted by member vote over the last couple years and to enter such "policies" in a book form. The committee is to also to work with other members and take suggestions/recommendations on what other Chamber policies need to be included.

The first meeting of the RoadKill Cook-off is set for April 27th at the McClintic Library at 5:00 p.m. All those interested please attend.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be Thursday May 21 at the Dunmore Community Center in Dunmore unless otherwise notified.

Meeting to adjourn by member Boyette seconded by member Cain; passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hyer, Secretary