

Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting
Snowshoe Career Center, Marlinton WV
November 19, 2009

The meeting, held at Snowshoe Career Center was called to order by President Malinda Meck 6:00 p.m. Present were: John Mutscheller, Sunny Given, Gail Hyer, Nelson Hernandez, Sherry Radcliff, Ginny Ramos, Gayle Boyette, and Kevin Wingfield.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved after a motion by member Wingfield and a second by member Given.

The treasurer's report was given by Gail Hyer in David Cain's absence. Motion to accept was made by member Boyette, seconded by member Radcliff, accepted. Current balance sheet and bank reconciliation sheet were distributed to all present.

Under old business:

President Meck reported 5906 Web sessions in August and that the quarterly costs for the site server should be considerably less from here on out as the Webmaster changed servers. No available data for September and October.

Discussion then followed about keeping the Web site up to date and including more WVRKCO photos. Felecia Smith will be asked to work with the WVRKCO queen for photos in the logo. It was consensus by all that the new t-shirts should be available for sale on the Web by mid-July in an effort to promote the event and sales early. President Meck will be responsible for working with the t-shirt company.

Member Mutscheller gave the CVB report stating the new visitors guide was published a month early this year with a total of 150,000 books printed for distribution. He also indicated the fundraising and grant evaluation continues for the freight depot adjacent to the old depot site. Rebuilding of the old depot should begin in mid-spring.

The policy committee reported they were not finished with the policy review and asked to be heard on the December agenda.

Member Radcliff reported on the audit committee along with member Mutscheller. Both mentioned the quality of record keeping by Chamber treasurer David Cain. Final confirmations will be signed and due at the December meeting.

Member Ramos (Ginny) spoke for the grant committee and indicated that according to her research, grants available were very limited and most, if not all, had to be for specific projects as opposed to general operating expenses. Discussion followed about grants only being available to those with proper non-profit status. President Meck thanked her for her work on the committee.

Item 5 a. was covered under the previous item.

The employee committee has not interviewed any VISTA applicants. Member Boyette will contact

member Radcliff for an available time for the interviews before the next meeting. Member Radcliff will check with Gibbs Kinderman to see what applicants are still available.

Under new business

The group heard from member Ramos on the Above the Influence Poster being printed again this year. The poster will be accompanied by bookmarks made available to schools and libraries. Member Radcliff made motion to support this project again this year by being a sponsor for \$250.00, second by member by Hyer, passed.

Member Hyer made a motion the Chamber show support for the new Slaty Fork branch of Pocahontas Free Libraries by asking the membership to review the library's wish list and donate items. Drop off points before December 10th to be the CVB in Marlinton, Citizens Bank of West Virginia at Slatyfork and Allegheny Disposal at Green Bank, second by member Mutscheller, passed.

Member Ramos reminded everyone that it is time to think about the community service award for our annual meeting. Application forms are on the Web site.

The next meeting is at the Pocahontas Times building in downtown Marlinton on December 17 at 6:00 p.m. **NOTE** The January meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Marlinton Library Conference Room and will be focused on the WV RoadKill Cook-off. Each Board member is asked to bring with them on that evening at least one person who will be interested in helping either with the planning or actual day of duties for the Festival.

Meeting to adjourn by member Mutscheller, second by member Boyette, passed and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hyer, Secretary