

**GREATER GEORGETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THE GEORGETOWN TRAIN STATION
Wednesday, March 5, 2008
4:00**

In Attendance: Jan Fraipont, Toby Givens, Helen Kruger, Lit Dryden, Jamie Magee, Debbie Hartstein, Joan Tyndall, Ashley Hoban, Kyle Morgan, Joy Sikora, Charlie Koskey, Gary Killmon and Robin Parker.

President Jan Fraipont called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm at the Georgetown Train Station, Georgetown, Delaware.

Minutes: The minutes were sent by email to all board members and copies were made available at the meeting. Helen Kruger made a motion to accept the minutes and Lit Dryden seconded.

Decadent Dessert and Hors D'oeuvres – Jan reminded everyone of the party being held on Friday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Megee Motors. There will be nice prizes donated by Chardon Jewelers. The prizes will tie in to the car theme. Helen Kruger, Joy Sikora and Robin Parker will be at the door to welcome and sign in. Jan and others will be judging the desserts.

Easter Egg Hunt – Being held at Marvel Museum, March 15, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Ashley Hoban asked for any volunteers to help with set up and decorating. She will be starting at 8:00 a.m. Help will also be needed in the craft areas. There will be a magician performing a 30 minute show. The egg hunts will be held by age and there will be an allotted time for each area.

Unveiling of Survey – Toby brought up the survey that was developed by the University of Delaware. This survey will be beneficial for any current businesses as well as any new businesses that may be coming into the area. The cost of the survey is \$28,000. The donations at this time are \$10,000 from the Town of Georgetown, \$5000 from the University of Delaware, and \$1,000 from Chamber of Commerce. This leaves a shortage of \$12,000. Toby has a letter that will be mailed to numerous businesses asking for donations. Lit and Toby will be asking the Sussex County Council for additional funding. Helen Kruger suggested checking with Bobby Engle on how to get a possible grant to help with this expense. Joan Tyndall suggested trying to solicit additional funds until the next meeting. Since the time frame to pay for this survey is March 26, any funds that are not received by then will need to be paid for by the Chamber. A motion was made by Toby and Helen seconded. All were in favor.

Jan gave an update on the position of the Executive Director. Unfortunately Bobby Engle will be unable to fill this position. She has started a new courier business. Charlie Koskey made a suggestion of a person that he met in his store. She has 15 years of experience in economic development and business retention. She will be retiring soon and living in Millsboro. He gave her business card to Toby and Jan. Helen and Toby will be following up with this person.

Fall Fest – The submission of the plan for the Georgetown's Fall Fest was handed out by Kyle Morgan. Jan stated how impressed she is with the planning and effort made by Kyle. The Event will be held at the Georgetown Airport, October 25, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event will be a combined Fall Fest and Wings and Wheels 2008. Larry Kelly of the Aviation Historical Society will oversee the planes and car show. There may be a Harrier Jet displayed. There have been 12 planes committed. The planes will need to be sponsored to help pay for fuel costs either by signage or tables set up next to plane. Since the event may draw 3000 to 5000 people, this will be a great way for a business to advertise. There will be no admission fee and the entertainment will last all day. Sky Brady may be asked to DJ as well as Tony Windsor. There may also be a war reenactment. A hanger has been allocated for the Chamber to use for possible Bull and Oyster Roast or craft vendors. A 5K run is planned to run from the airport into Georgetown and back. There will be many volunteers needed to set up for Sub committees for numerous areas of this event. Some that were mentioned were Food service vendors, Publications, Entertainment, Media as well as volunteers to help with the 5K event. It was recommended by several board members that local vendors should be asked first as well as local fire companies. Ashley Hoban suggested Bethany Blues for the barbeque. Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops were mentioned to assist with parking.

Insurance for this event was also discussed. It was decided that the airport will be responsible for their area and the chamber will be responsible for theirs.

Helen Kruger brought up a request from Trey Tyndall for a donation to the Eagle Troop 95. This donation will help purchase materials to build a 144 square foot Gazebo. This Gazebo will be located at the Children and Family First location on South Bedford St. Helen motioned for the Chamber to donate \$200 and Lit seconded it.

Toby Givens motioned to adjourn the meeting and Charlie Koskey seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 5:10.

Respectfully submitted
Robin Parker, Secretary