

**Greater Georgetown Chamber of Commerce
Board of Director's Meeting
May 5, 2010**

Minutes - Revised

Participants

Board Members: Debbie Hartstein, Linda Price, Jeanne Dukes, John Rieley, Ray Hopkins, Joan Tyndall, David Mueller, Art Blanchette, Robbie Robinson, Helen, and Lit Dryden

Also Present: Karen Duffield, ED

Topic	Details	Action Items
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order by Ray Hopkins @ 4:00pm	
Approval of the Minutes	The April 7th minutes were emailed and Ray asked for approval and/or discussion	Motion made by Debbie, second by David, motion carried w/ Lit abstaining
Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer's Report was emailed by Joan. There was a question concerning why the meal income and expenses were split out. After some discussion the outcome was that it was better for auditing, keeping track of how many meals are being paid for. (Chamber pays for speaker and any guests). Plus this is another way members to keep track of credit card payments (shows Chamber not venue)	Motion made by John, second by Helen. Motion carried
Membership	Helen advised that we currently have 438 members. We are keeping our heads above water (gaining and losing evenly) We have recently lost the following 5 members, C & D Concrete, Judith Davidson Interiors, Dr Keith Sargent, Laser Tone Inc & Healthy Weigh. David brought up that he recently went into a business that had a chamber plaque & in talking with the customer (Tapa Homes) discovered that they were no longer chamber members. They told David that they did not feel welcome. Since his business is now moving to Georgetown, David is going to make every effort to bring him back to the Chamber. Lit also thought that it would be a good idea to have some form of orientation and possibly a greeter at events. Karen said that this is exactly what the Ambassador Committee is supposed to do and that we have not really been focusing on this.	David and Art make up the Ambassador Committee and will meet to ensure getting the group up, running and focused on the goals of the valuable committee
SOHO	Art discussed this group Small Office/Home Office, which would be a group within the chamber – not it's own entity, no dues charged, but a way to make the small home office owners a part of the chamber. There could possibly be some training or target specific meetings that help them relate to others that are experiencing the same types of issues. (support group for each other and an added benefit of chamber membership) Art advised that it has been proven that these group members become more involved in the chamber and committees because they feel more a part.	Motion by Art to proceed with the SOHO group, second by Lit. Motion carried.
Economic	Lit reported on today's meeting that was attended by at	

Development	least 7 board members. He discussed the letter drafted by John and Karen to Representative Mike Castle (a copy of which is in board package) concerning the expansion at the airport. He also advised Pat Savini (Sussex Tech) had an informative talk and introduced his replacement, AJ. He talked a little of the new location GT Wesleyan Church (Pastor Steve) which was a great location that accommodated a fairly large group.	
Scholarship	Karen provided a copy an email from Janet Reed of Del Tech concerning the process of scholarships which was voted on and accepted last year. The Chamber Scholarship committee will establish criteria for awarding a scholarship, but Del Tech will solicit, judge and award the scholarship based on what the Chamber has set up.	
Decadent Dessert Party	Linda indicated that we had a good crowd that seemed to really enjoy themselves. There were lots of sweet treats and the entries seemed to really out do themselves once again. Linda said she is trying to figure out what can be done for next year.	
Christmas Parade	Chair Jeanne said the committee has narrowed things down to 5 balloons, of which she provided copies, but will be dependent upon sponsors and budget. Everything is on track	
Wings & Wheels	Chair Linda advised of the meeting tomorrow 5/6 – 3pm at the airport. Entertainment sponsor has been found as has a band for the closing 2 hours (Bob Ricker), which has been sponsored by Delaware National. We are now deciding whether we will have another band for 12-2 or a DJ, but all is on track for the festival as well.	
GT Community Yard Sale	Karen advised that all is on track for the Yard Sale taking place on June 19 th , but she still needs to round up a volunteers, please let her know if you can help	
Georgetown Farmer's Market	Karen advised that all is on track for the start of the Farmer's Market. What is of consequence now are the bags that will be sold at market. They are cloth bags and we are looking at the minimum order of 250. (there is a possibility that Jeanne can get Nemours to sponsor) Bags will have Chamber and sponsor logo and will be sold at a cost to be determined by the Chamber. (Rehoboth sells theirs for \$5.00)	A motion was made David with a second by Helen for Karen to proceed with looking for a sponsor for the bags, at an approximate cost of a little over \$1.00/bag, or about \$300.00. Motion carried.
Candidates Forum	Ray gave a report concerning the first forum that took place on Tuesday. Was very well received, the questions, centered around Economic Development, were well thought out and very educational. Only disappointment was Annie Besche Martin who did not speak, saying she was doing so out of respect for Chet who could not attend. It is still not certain whether she will speak at the forum on Thursday,	
Special Business	Letter of Resignation of Ashley Hoban from Board due to inability to make meetings, due to work schedule, etc. It	

	<p>was agreed to accept Ashley's resignation. According to Section 5 of the By-Laws, the general membership will be notified via an announcement in the Weekly E-News as well as at the next Chamber Breakfast on 5/12. All interested parties, up to 2 will submit an application, which will be brought before the board for final determination. The selected person will serve out the remaining term of Ashley's. A suggestion was made to ask Sheri Schaaf of Fast Tek if she would be interested. Any member who does not have email, will be faxed the notification seeking board member.</p>	
New Business	<p>Charlie Koskey has approached the chamber, as a citizen, not as a councilman about the Chamber helping with the beautification of the circle. He has requested \$500 from the Chamber to pay for mulch. David will work with Joan and Charlie to obtain the mulch (possibly from a chamber member) and labor to help spread at the circle</p>	<p>A motion was made by Joan to use funds left over from last year's Christmas Parade, up to \$500 for the mulch. Second by Debbie. Motion carried</p>
Adjourn		<p>Motion made by Helen, second by Jeanne to adjourn at 5 pm</p>
Next Meeting		<p>Wednesday June 2,2010</p>
Hooray for Ray	<p>Ray agreed to become a Participating Partner of the Chamber – Karen & Joan to provide materials to him</p>	

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Linda Price 05/05/2010