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OREGON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 17, 2008, 12:00-1:15PM
Señor Peppers 113 South Main Street

Board Members Present: Joe Kasinski, Chris Venden, Renee Ackerman, Barb Mulcahy, Lisa Kersten, Dan Bertelson,

Board Members Absent: Brett Davis, Aaron Ingham, Steve Schulz, Jason Johns

Guest Speakers: Judy Whalen

Members Present: Ray Antoniewicz, Lisa Gits, Jeff McCarthy, Donna Martens, Dave Mastos, Ida Dempich, Steve Peotter, Judy Knutson, Paula Ricker, Vicki Cothroll, Amy Miller, Mike White, Pam Raschein, Magaly Richter, Linda Pollock, Tina Knable, Dave Wyttenbach, John Lourigan

Staff Present: Marechiel Santos-Lang, Kristin McGuine

1. Meeting called to order by President Joe Kasinski at 12:04 p.m. Joe welcomed everyone, his first meeting as President.
2. Approval of Dec. 20th Membership Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Barb Mulcahy and seconded by Dan Bertelsen. Motion carried.
3. Welcome:
 - Reading of Chamber Mission Statement – by Dave Mastos
 - Introduction of 2008 Officers & Board – by President, Joe Kasinski
 - Host Thank You: Dan & Magaly Richter
 - Around the Table: Members share what they want other members to know about their business or organization.
 - “Get off the Couch” program (organized by Community Education) is looking for support and/or donations. They will need a black and white logo if donating \$100.00.
 - A-Z announced sheep shearing will be 2/16. Lambing will be open to the public three weekends in March. They had 5,000 people last year.
4. President's Report: President Joe Kasinski
 - BOD Planning Session Results – Handed out to Members in attendance, and Joe reviewed:
 - Core Areas – Leadership, Member Services, Image, Financial Growth, Strategic Alliance.
 - Priorities – Include branding Oregon.

- New Committees – We have changed the committee structure this year, and are looking for volunteer hours from the membership. The goal is to have committees together by February. The Board is more than willing to chair and co-chair these committees, but we need member involvement, as well.
- 2008 Meetings & Events Schedule was handed out to members.

5. Annual Dinner Committee Presentation: Marechiel Santos-Lang

- Invitation for February 16; 6 PM – Invitations were hand delivered by the Board. This will be an event of “Firsts”. This is the first time the event will be hosted by Past Presidents, we have Bob Lindmeier who will be Emceeing, there’s a Silent Auction *and* a Live Auction – a fun inter-active event. There will be a desert reception and a magician and Robin Greene will provide music. We are still looking for people to help with the auction.
- Program & Awards – Dan Bertelson & Judy Knutson – Long Time Service award nomination deadline is Jan. 21st. The Outstanding Business Person is nominated by the Board. Call your Board member and lobby for who you would like to get the award. There is a list of past award winners.
- ACRONYM for 5 Core Values – FAMILY – Dan will send it out for input.
- Auction – Chris Meicher needs help.
- Joe indicated that we have limited seating for this event.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Renee Ackerman

- 196 Members, have only received 50 renewals so far. Renee encouraged everyone to turn in 2008 membership dues as soon as possible.

7. Staff Report

- New Member – Clean Gear of Wisconsin. It is the 1st organization of its kind in the area. They’re opening in 2 weeks. Anytime Fitness also just joined.
- Member Survey – Have received about 60 responses so far. Will report at next meeting.
- Publications – Just finalized Community Map.

8. Member Matters

Speaker: Judy Whalen: Think Strategically in 2008!

Judy is the President of Whalen & Associates, whose goal is to help organizations think and act in ways that enable them to be more innovative & competitive. The membership participated in a strategic thinking exercise for practice.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Motion made by Dave Mastos and Mike White seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: February 21, Thursday; 12:00-1:30 PM, Oregon Family Restaurant featuring Village President Steve Staton & Administrator Mike Gracz.
