

Carrizozo Chamber Of Commerce Meeting

February 9, 2010
Four Winds Restaurant

The monthly meeting of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:05 PM.

Members in attendance were, Judy Fitzpatrick, Lucy Rickman, Debra Anderson, Scott Schaefer, and Gail Major.

Approval Of Minutes from last meeting.

Lucy Rickman presided as President as Dirk Norris was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Lucy asked for approval or correction of the minutes from the December. Gail Major stated that John and Barbie Eiler were not members of the Chamber and should be listed as guests. Also Gail questioned the amount of the monetary prizes given out for the Holiday Decorating Contest. Each award should be increased by \$25.00 with 1st being 100.00, 2nd,--\$75.00 and 3rd.-- \$50.00. as stated in the minutes of November and designated on the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Gail Major to accept the minutes as corrected. Second by Debra Anderson, motioned carried by unanimous voice vote.

Introduction Of Guests None

Reports

Treasurer's Report -Judy Fitzpatrick reported that the balance sheet shows an income of \$1500.00 with expenses of \$519.70 and an balance of \$930.30. Also a discussion of transferring \$100.00 into the Luminaria account so the balance will remain above \$300.00. This will insure that we will not be charged a service charge.

Corresponding Secretary- Gail Major reported that for the month of January there was 4 requests for information packets 1 by a visitor and 3 by mail. She also had an international e-mail request for a postcard from a 17 year old Russian.

Caboose Visitors- Judy Fitzpatrick reported that there were 12 visitors for the month of January (6 states and 1 from Canada).

Website Reports- No report

Committee Reports

Events Committee- No report

Advertising/Promotion- Judy Fitzpatrick reported that Cindy Thompson had advised her that **Steppin Out** is no longer in business and that we would have to find another publication to advertise in as required by the grant money we received. Cindy Thompson suggested that we advertise in the El Paso Times. Brad Cooper will be contacted. The advertisements must be regionally based. The Chamber will received the payment for money used in 2010, in 2011.

Membership Committee -Gail Major We have received \$1500.00 so far in membership monies. So far we have memberships as follows:

- 13 Businesses
- 2 Enterprise
- 4 Corporations + 1 pending from Zia
- 12 Individuals
- 0 Events

Luminaria Committee - Judy Fitzpatrick suggested that we start replacing the luminaria candles with LED lights. She has researched the sizes and prices. The batteries would need to be replaced every four years and it would be an excellent way to start recycling.

Board Of Directors Report

No Report

Unfinished Businesses

Carrizozo Slogan for 2010 Tabled
Renewable Energy Tabled

New Business

New Storage Unit for the Chamber of Commerce is located behind the Magistrate Court Building. Volunteers are needed to move the stored items from the current storage area (Otero County Building) and Ned's storage unit. The new storage unit will be retro fitted to accommodate the size of the decorations.

Judy stated that they plan to move the items by the end of the month. Also that we should go ahead and pay Ned for the use of the storage facility we are now occupying (The year's rental will end in June).

Judy also suggested that perhaps several of the groups in Carrizozo combine efforts when awarding the scholarships to the high school students. Judy brought this up in an effort to assist as many students as possible. It was noted that each organization had different criteria that was used to determine who would be awarded the scholarships. These groups included, Rotary, Masons, Lady's Club and the Street Fair. Scott Schaefer suggested that there could be a scholarship fund established that residents of Carrizozo could donate to and this would be awarded to a High School Student. No actions were taken on the suggestion but will be revisited at the next meeting.

Announcements/Community Events

Reminder **Meet The Candidates**, on Thursday February 18, 2010. The forum will be at 7:00 PM at the County Commissioners Chambers. Come and bring your questions. Dirk requested help with the coffee/refreshments.

Adjournment- Motion for adjournment by Scott Schaefer, seconded by Gail Major. 12.55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Anderson