

**Brownsville Chamber
Executive Board Meeting
March 5, 2010**



Executive meeting called to order by President Mandy Cole, in the Community Room at City Hall.

Members Present: Nell Hanft, Mandy Cole, Linda McCormick, Bridget Sheffler, John Morrison, Marty Waite, Kathleen Swayze, Dave Furtwangler and Scott McDowell.

Mr. McDowell started the meeting by talking about the progress of the Event Sign that is new to downtown. The sign will be permanent and the events will be changed to coordinate with the event. The transient room tax from the City was designated to help pay for the sign, and the city and chamber will pay the remainder.

Mrs. Swayze brought up the discussion of the chairs that belong to the Rec Center. It was discussed whether the Chamber was interested in purchasing them or not. The time they would get the most use would be during the Antique Fair. It was decided we would not ask to buy the tables.

Dave Furtwangler reported that the storytelling event turned out a good number of people on both days of events. The little kids at the library had a good turnout, as did Tunes and Tales. The Saturday evening "Dessert and Stories with Alton Chung" was a good turn out with about 70 people attending. Bridget Sheffler suggested maybe we tag along with the Corvallis Storytelling event for marketing next year. This event was marketed well, but the timing was not so good with so many other activities going on in town. It was discussed that we need a venue for the event to grow. Perhaps we could have local storytellers leading up to the main event on Saturday night. Mr. Furtwangler said it was good to have a professional storyteller attend as they usually like to come early and spend time getting to know people and the area. Mr. Furtwangler says there may be some grant money available and this should be investigated. Discussion followed on the idea of having a storytelling event during the Pioneer Picnic or any of the logical events to get the public interested in storytelling.

Linda McCormick passed around a spreadsheet with figures for the "Stand by Me" event happening in July. Mrs. McCormick asks for help with her event. She states there is so much to do to get ready for the event since this is the 25th Anniversary and expected to be bigger than last year. Mr. McDowell stated that if she would point out the most important issues and make some phone calls to members and ask for help, might be one way to relieve some of the stress. Also she could post sign-up sheets on the web for specific jobs and ask for specific volunteers might gain some good results.

Mrs. Cole stated the chamber should look at the financial policy to see if there are any questions. Some of the ideas are: Do we need a financial policy?, We should have a monthly balance sheet with an income and expense report, and a report on the pay pal account, to be provided by the Treasurer. We should have a double signature on checks over \$500.00. We should have an annual review by a neutral party. What about buying a laptop for the Chamber's finances? Divest ourselves of Scenic Byway and Croquet Club? Mrs. Hanft submits a monthly financial activities packet and we should continue with that.

Should we take the money out of the pay pal account?

Discussion followed on the development of Chamber Goals for the year.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be the first Friday in April, at 8:30AM in the Community Room at City Hall.