

The mission of the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce is to bring individuals, businesses and organizations together to enrich our community.

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2023 12:00 p.m. Borden's Conference room

The Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by President Liz Pullman. In attendance were: Liz Pullman (President/Ledger), Dana Brunet (Vice President/Pepper Tree Deli), Kylie Hansen (Board Member/PTSA), Carey Burnside (Board Member/Arctic Heat), Pam Polachi (Past President/WLC), and Chiara Schober (Chamber Coordinator)

Current Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Chiara

Chiara reported for Sherre that the Main account has \$67,533.53, Rodeo account is \$25,441.37, and Savings account is \$10,017.14 for a total of \$102,992.04. There was a letter that we overpaid for employee benefits. Sherre will look into this further.

b. Community Garage Sale

Chiara

We have 14 participants signed up for the Garage Sale. The Radio ad will start on Tuesday and end early on the 17th. Liz will offer spots on the Main Street Green for Gold Junction Presents at \$5 for folks who live outside of town. PepperTree and Whitehall Coffee Co. will be open and can give out maps.

c. Enchanted Forest Faire

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We need businesses to host Gnomes for the Roaming Gnome Selfie starting the week before the event. There is a Golden Gnome to be entered for a prize. Can we add some Chamber Bucks to the prizes? Gnome house building at WLC. We have several food vendors, application for road closure is turned in and Beats & Eats. If available to help, come by.

d. Frontier Days

Liz

Liz heard about the possibility of a Ranch Rodeo from Kennedy. Chiara brought "17+ World Records you can break tomorrow" list for event ideas. It was discussed to try to gear them towards Frontier. We'll send out an email about decorating businesses the week before Frontier Days.

e. BTBJ (Fundraiser)

Liz

We have the Community Center saved for August 19th. Chiara looked into what it would cost to bring in the Virginia City Follies for Frontier Days, and it is \$3,000. Could we do the Follies for our Fundraiser? We need to max the live auction items at 5 or so and back in the day, the live auction was open to the public. Could we do something on the same day of Shakespere in the park on September 8th?

Dana made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 12:57 p.m. and Seconded by Kylie. Motion carried.

GENERAL MEETING

June 8, 2023 1:00 p.m. Borden's Conference Room

The Whitehall Chamber of Commerce General Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Liz Pullman. In attendance were: Liz Pullman (President/Ledger), Dana Brunet (Vice President/Pepper Tree Deli), Carey Burnside (Board Member/Arctic Heat), Pam Polachi (Past President/WLC), Chiara Schober (Chamber Coordinator), Jeannie Ferriss (Whitehall Library), Laura Dooley (Expedition Church), Tom Harrington (Western Legacy Center), Candace Ahlin (Whitehall Coffee Co.), and Bethel Wagner (Sage Wellness Center).

Approval of Minutes

Carey made a motion to approve the May 2023 minutes as presented. Seconded by Pam. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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Guest Reports

Gold Junction Presents - Liz Pullman

GJP started the Kids Series at The Star yesterday and the Western Series starts tonight with the Gary Cooper films. They are all free and accepting donations. For the Community Garage Sale GJP is offering spots on the Green. June 24th is the Enchanted Forest Faire.

Library - Jeannie Ferriss

The Library is well over 150 registrations for summer reading. Summer Feeding starts next Monday and we will feed kids through the end of July. Training today at 4:30 if you would like to volunteer to drive to Butte to pick up lunches. Calendars are out, there are lots of programs.

Western Legacy Center Report - Pam Polachi

Flooring just went in, trim is up. The store is expanding. Laurel Ovett is curating a dino for WLC. If you have any family history to share please reach out. Our calendar is full of classes and activities. Jeannie suggested posting flyers to Whitehall Classified on Facebook for the best exposure. Security cameras have come in and will be installed by White Hat Tech Solutions. Display cabinets are being built by a local.

CTAC Report - Tom Harrington

Monthly meeting was this morning. Golden Sunlight has 4 vacancies on their staff. Kory talked about the water treatment plant and the infrastructure to get the lines heading out east of town. Town Pump says they are back on track again. They had been running a little behind there for a bit. We are looking at probably late fall opening for the new Town Pump. JLDC Childcare facility in Boulder is up and running. They talked about the County doing some aerial spraying for mosquitoes. There has been some flooding down here along the Jefferson.

Committee Reports

Coordinator Report - Chiara Schober

Chiara reported that we are currently at 90 Chamber Members. There are 25 paid Frontier Days Vendors and 15 participants for the Community Garage Sale. Our radio ad for the Garage Sale will start the Tuesday before, so next Tuesday. Jeannie asked for Garage Sale maps at the Library. Candice asked for maps as well and shared that she has purchased the information window from the Saddle Club and wants to have something like a "Whats Up Whitehall" for folks to use.

Current Business

Community Garage Sale - Chiara Schober

The Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday June 17th. Businesses, please be open, be seen. GJP would allow folks who are outside of town to use the Main Street Green for \$5. Liz would like to have maps in the paper.

Enchanted Forest Faire - Liz Pullman

The Enchanted Forest Faire is June 24th at the Main Street Green and Star Theatre. We will have Gnomes to put around town for a Roaming Gnome Selfie contest. Whoever finds the Golden Gnome gets submitted into a drawing for a prize. We will also have Beats & Eats at the same time. Main Street will be closed from Legion to the alley for food trucks and vendors.

Frontier Days - Liz Pullman

July 28 & 29th we are in hot competition with Country Jam for food vendors. If you have any food vendors send them our way. We are waiving a portion of the food vendor fee to get more variety. It was brought up to have nonprofits and local groups do food booths as a fundraiser. They need to be cleared through the county to serve food. Thursday night the 27th will be the Chamber BBQ. Rocky Mountain Bank BBQ will be on Friday. The Chamber is going to offer Business Decorating for a cost or businesses can decorate on their own and be entered for a prize. We would like to get businesses decorated the week before the Fiber Fest. Liz will reach out for a Parade Grand Marshall.

Additional Business/Public Comment

Update the mural brochures.

Chamber yard looks rough. Greg could come over and mow when he does the Inn.

Whitehall Phone Books look like they will be here by Frontier Days.

Does anyone know who owns or maintains the sign in front of Whitehall Coffee Co.?

The July meeting will be a Business After Hours at Sage Wellness.

Adjournment

Dana made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 2:01 p.m. and Seconded by Pam. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Chiara Schober