

Key Peninsula Business Association

Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2010

EL Sombrero Mexican Restaurant Noon – 1:30 pm

The following were present: Jud Morris, CC Williams, Todd Rosenbach, Barbara Heard, Laurie Ellis, Ruth Bramhall, Chuck West, Scott Gallagher, Bek Ashby, Magnus Nilsen, Danna Webster, Lori Robinson, Ed Robinson, Marvin & Myrtle Keizur, Vicki Biggs, Carolyn Wiley, Penny Gazabat, Jeff Nelson, Tom & Julie Boardman, Sue Davis, and Dottie Mazza.

Secretary's Report: December 18, 2009 minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Balance 3993.95. 83 invoices have been mailed for annual membership renewals. 28 have already been returned.

It was agreed to reimburse Todd Rosenbach for \$70.89 for a Care Basket provided to a community member on the behalf of the KPBA.

Feast or Famine Fundraiser: Vicki Biggs, Penny Gazabat, and Carolyn Wiley presented. This year's event is scheduled for Fat Tuesday, February 16, from 6:30 to 8:30, and will be held at the Longbranch Improvement Club. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased at Sunnycrest Nursery, or call 884-9157.

Key Peninsula Community Services Food Bank: Penny Gazabat shared information relating to the Food Bank. There has been a substantial increase in need during the present economic downturn.

Annual Dinner: The KPBA's Annual Dinner is set for February 8, 2010. The Social will begin at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$24.00 per person. Contact Ruth Bramhall at 857-5184 to confirm.

KPBA Directory: Members may wish to visit the KPBA website to review contact information. The link available for Directory Sign Up will allow members to enter their updated information into an online form that Jeff

Nelson, the webmaster, will use to compile a current data base. This data base will serve to provide information for multiple purposes, including the website, the directory, and the brochure.

Guest Speaker: Lilah Gael, MPA, US Census Bureau

The Census Bureau preparing for the 2010 US Census, to be taken this spring. Census workers are currently needed, and will be hired from within the community. In addition to the US Census, the data compiled is used for a variety of purposes and a number of different surveys. An accurate count for your community likely means greater opportunity for community grants, govt. services, and infrastructure improvement. On average, for each individual accurately counted in a community approx. \$14,000 per year in funding makes its way back to the local community.

Member Reports:

Marvin and Myrtle Keizur: Place the Lions Club Citizen of the Year Event on you calendar. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2010. We do taxes. The IRS appears to be much stricter than previously.

Laurie Ellis: Tax season has begun. Clients are concerned about whether they will owe or get a refund. To date, fewer clients appear to be receiving refunds.

Danna Webster: The KP News Online Version is becoming a good source for breaking news in the area. Check out the improved version! Book sales continue to do well.

Sheryl Mirenta: KC Computer has established new business hours. They are Tuesday through Friday form Noon to 6:00 pm, and Saturday from Noon to 4:00 pm.

Bonnie Mora: Make sure to attend the Mustard Seed Project's monthly forums. They are on the 3rd Thursday of every month. This month's forum will focus on Transportation. The forum will be held on January 21, from 10:00 to 11:30 am, in the Brones Room at the Key Center Library.

Chuck West: Fire Department busy with numerous calls this week. The department continues to explore additional cost cutting measures. In addition, the department is in the process of submitting grants. Funding to provide equipment for volunteer positions will likely limit the number of volunteers that can be accepted to 5. Present staffing only allows for only one ambulance on call per shift.

The Land Use and Advisory Committee: Very preliminary information relating to a possible facility for foster children was shared. This possible project is only in early planning stages. It appears there is some misinformation circulating in the community.

Boys and Girls Club: Resigned position on the board as the Boys and Girls Club presently does not serve the KP.

CC Williams: The market is favorable for buyers who have the money to put to work.

Ruth Bramhall: The Fire Commissioners recently held their Annual Workshop to set goals for the upcoming year.

Magnus Nilsen: Getting back to work after the holidays.

Barbara Heard: Sound Credit Union is continuing to approach the current economic environment conservatively.

Scott Gallacher: The Park District is completing the process for creating a Master Plan Draft. Numerous classes are being offered or are in progress.

Ed Robinson, Engineering business: Submitting for licensing in New York, as the firm is looking to work on projects there.

KP Little League: The KPLL is looking for 3 new sponsors for the upcoming year. The KPLL is also accepting donations to help provide scholarships for children unable to afford the fees.

Lori Robinson: The family's equestrian business offers both riding lessons and therapeutic riding sessions.

Jeff Nelson: The KPBA website can be improved from its present format. It may also be possible to add Census related links to the site.

KPCC: The recent meeting was well attended, primarily due to the rumored development of a foster care facility in the Vaughn area. It appears that to date information relating to the proposed project has been unconfirmed and may not be accurate. The KPCC is attempting to address this. The Diversity Committee making progress and the Trails Committee will become assimilated with Community Initiatives Committee.

Bek Ashby: North Bay Mortgage is still doing mortgages. Rates continue to be low.

Jud Morris: 303 children and 102 families were served by the Children's Home Society in the past year. This represents a 54% increase in numbers of residents served over last year.

Tom and Julie Boardman: Business has been better recently. Master Dry Carpet Cleaning is expecting its biggest single day ever for the business in the coming week.

Keyfest 2010: The Fair's name has officially changed. Tom Boardman is the fair's president and Jon Biggs is serving VP. The new format will include options friendly to local businesses.

Submitted by Todd Rosenbach