

Gulf Coast Chamber Executives

Minutes

August 24, 2012

Hosted by Community Chamber of East Montgomery County

Be it remembered that on Friday August 24, 2012, a quorum was identified and there was begun and held a meeting of the Gulf Coast Chamber Executives at the offices of the Community Chamber of East Montgomery County.

Call to Order: Page Michel, President

Meeting was called to order by President Page Michel at 10:10 a.m. Mrs. Michel greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance. She then introduced Andy Dill President of our host chamber and congratulated him and his wife Sylvia for their Anniversary.

Greeting by Host Chamber: Andy Dill, President Community Chamber of East Montgomery County

Mr. Dill welcomed everyone to East Montgomery County and to their Chamber offices. Mr. Dill then gave an overview of the East Montgomery County Improvement District which covered 158 square miles of East Montgomery County. He also informed the group of their very active scholarship program for high school students stating they provided approximately \$500,000.00 in scholarships every year. He again thanked the group for attending and pointed out this was one of our larger meetings with 24 chambers sending RSVP's and 17 chamber attending.

Welcome Guest:

President Michel then had everyone give self-introductions

Approval of Minutes: Tim Culp, Secretary

Mr. Culp presented the minutes from the July 24, 2012 as prepared by Tina Martinez of the Baytown Chamber of Commerce. The minutes were presented in the form of a motion by Mr. Culp and seconded by Tracey Wheeler. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tracey Wheeler, Treasurer

The financial report was presented by Mrs. Wheeler. Total cash on hand at the end of July was \$5,241.28. No income was reported for the month and expenses totaled \$1197.50. Of the expenses all were for scholarships. A preliminary Aug 2012 report was presented showing a total of \$4,988.78 as cash on hand. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Andy Dill, seconded by Cindy Harreld. The motion was approved.

New Associate Membership Level: Page Michel

Mrs. Michel reviewed the Associate Membership program. She highlighted this membership would allow for a booth at the Annual Conference. However attendance at the monthly meetings is not a benefit of this particular membership level.

Survey for 2013 Membership Meeting Topics: Page Michel

Mrs. Michel distributed sheets for meeting topic suggestions. Cindy Harreld mentioned having affinity programs as a topic. Mrs. Michel requested everyone give consideration to topics and turn in forms to her.

Leadership Conference – Feb 2013: Page Michel

Cindy Harreld reported she had talked to three hotels and has formulated a committee of Bruce Hillegeist, Tim Culp, Tracey Wheeler, Sherry Trainer, Past President Fay Picard, and President Page Michel. The committee is scheduled to meet on September 5, 2012 to review the hotels and discuss conference details. The conference will be held on February 1, 2013. Mrs. Michel encouraged suggestions for possible speakers.

Other Business: Page Michel

Andy Dill mentioned he talked with Aaron Cox of TCCE about the possibility of having Adam Boyd conduct a full day intense Chamber sales seminar. Mrs. Michel suggested at date in September. Mrs. Wheeler suggested another date in lieu of our regular meeting date, discussion followed. Mrs. Wheeler made a motion to have Andy Dill contact Aaron Cox about having Adam Boyd conduct a full day sales training on October 26, 2012 at the cost of \$150.00 per person. Andy Dill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Dill agreed to contact Mr. Cox.

Round Table Discussion: Page Michel

A round table discussion about the various activities within each chamber was then held. During the discussion Scott Brady chair elect of the Community Chamber welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. for lunch

Respectfully Submitted:
Tim Culp, Secretary