

**Greater Georgetown Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Director's Meeting  
June 1, 2011**

Minutes

Participants

**Board Members:** Joan Tyndall, Helen Kruger, Art Blanchette, Lit Dryden, Jeff Benson, Chris Couch,  
Robbie Robinson, Jeanne Dukes, Ray Hopkins, and Linda Price

**Also Present:** Karen Duffield, ED

Topic	Details	Action Items
<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting was called to order by Jeanne Dukes at 4:10	
<b>Approval of the Minutes</b>	The May 2011 Minutes were emailed and provided in Bd. packet for review and approval.	Motion by Helen, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Joan, motion carried
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Treasurer's financial reports including Balance Sheet and P&L were emailed and included in Bd. packet for review and approval, as well as the Chicken Festival financial report	Motion by Helen, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jeff- motion carried
<b>Membership</b>	Helen advised that we currently have 413 members and that they have been working the delinquency list hard, which has helped keep as well as picking up new here and there. There will be a ribbon cutting some time in June date will be provided. It was noted that Catchers has now taken over at the Cheer Center for Georgia House. Since it is unclear about whether or not Catchers will provide what the Georgia House did for lunch. It was brought up by Lit that we should consider local churches. This will be a consideration, only after the commercial businesses have been checked, due to the other things that need to be done in order to put on a lunch at the church.	Karen will check with Catchers. Linda will check with Lighthouse Landing/Del Tech and Sussex Pines CC, depending on outcome with Catchers
<b>Economic Development</b>	Lit reported on the program today with Kevin Wade concerning the Fair Tax, which is basically a consumption tax on items purchased and is gaining momentum. In addition, we also had Steven Speed who is in charge of the Aviation Program at Del State. He gave the first of 2 programs, today covered the types of programs offered, internships, the fleet etc. The next program in July will hopefully tie in to Sussex County and the Airport. Lit also discussed a conversation with Chuck James of the State Chamber and the benefits allowed due to local Chamber membership. (we have the capability of having 5 members attend functions at the State level) and local members can get a discount to join the State. It was suggested that Karen provide to board information received from the State Chamber.	
<b>Wings &amp; Wheels</b>	Linda advised things are moving along – the next meeting will be after the Chicken Festival – July 7 <sup>th</sup> – all are	

	invited. She talked about the possibility of adding a Friday night event – WWII USO Canteen Show – more info to follow once we can get a sponsor – Karen suggested M & T – Linda will f/u	
<b>Chicken Festival</b>	Karen reported that the festival is chock full of all different kinds of vendors/food & craft, entertainment and much more, including Floyd Megee’s antique car, a climbing wall and remote control car track. Karen said they are trying to bring in little bits of the community. She talked of Maria from Perdue who is coordinating all the volunteers and the great need for lots of help. There is a need to man the chamber booth, manpower for setup and take down. A list was provided to see who on the board is available and when. There was also discussion concerning some of the expenses the Town is passing on to the Chamber (ie police, trash, dumping fees (Joe Booth & Ruth King have stepped up to cover the dumping costs) Helen suggested that we check with the Fire Police – they do a great job and it would be much less expensive or even free.	
<b>Farmer’s Market</b>	Jeanne voiced a concern that the opening day was not well attended. She is asking for ideas and suggestions as to what can be improved on, ie music once a month. There was much discussion about figuring out a way to get more support from the Town Officials and residents in an effort to show the vendors that come out to the market that this is a viable event for the town.	
<b>Executive Director’s report</b>	Karen apologized for not having included, she has been trying to reconstruct the report from memory due to the loss in the fire.	
<b>Emergency Board</b>	Karen included minutes in the board packages just as an FYI. Long term plans for space have become more immediate due to the fact there is now some interest in the Insurance Market building, but will get through Chicken Festival first. Insurance claim will be predominant factor in determining what will be done, as there is a good chance expenses will be covered.	
<b>New Business</b>	Lit brought up a car show event taking place at the GT/Ellendale VFW – the same date as the Chicken Festival. Chris brought up a fundraiser for the Boys/Girls Club taking place on the rooftop of the Brick on 6/24, with Greg Fuller singing and silent auction etc. Tickets are available.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Wednesday – July 6 <sup>th</sup> at 4 pm	
	With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 5:15, motion by Helen, Second by Ray	
	Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Price/Secretary	

