

**Gulf Coast Chamber Executives
April 2012 Meeting**

April 27, 2012

10:00 am

Hosted by Deer Park Chamber

Members Present: Lake Houston Area Chamber: Stephanie Biondolillo; Brenham/Washington Co: Page Michel, Jane Hinze and Megan McCoy; Palacios Co: Patsy Gibson; Alvin–Manvel Area: Johanna McWilliams; Pasadena: Aimee Crawford and Kimberly Tolleson; Dayton: Dusty Theriot and Elizabeth Ellis; Houston Northwest: Barbara Thomason and Alyssa Wilson; N. Galveston County: Theresa Graham; Greater Angleton Chamber: Taressa Moon, Lindsey Denson and Amber Gutierrez; Deer Park: Tim Culp, Nicole Garvis, Grace Zubkow and Christina Boles; North Channel: Margie Buentello and Charles Grant; Texas City/ La Marque: Jenny Senter, Leanne Post, Jimmy Hayley and Jay Campbell; League City: Jason Ebey; Clear Lake: Shari Sweeney and Stephanie Rice; West Chambers County: Missy Malechek; Santa Fe: Fay Picard.

The April 2012 meeting of the Gulf Coast Chamber Executives was called to order at 10:00 by Page Michel. Page thanked the Deer Park Chamber for hosting the meeting.

Page introduced Tim Culp, President of the Deep Park Chamber. Tim thanked everyone for coming out on behalf of the Deep Park Chamber and DPISD. Tim said everything in the field box is designed by the students and the lunch today is being prepared by the students taking classes in the culinary arts program. The culinary department won state and is now off to the national finals.

Tim introduced Dr. Ray Landers, past Superintendent of Deer Park Independent School District and Chairman of the Board for Deer Park Chamber.

Tim introduced Chad with Tent Solutions, the lunch sponsor.

Self-introductions were made by all members present.

Minutes from the March meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jason Ebey and with a second from Fay Picard. The motion was approved.

Tracey Wheeler presented the Financial Report and said we have \$10,081.28 in the bank. Missy approved the budget and with a second by Page. The motion was approved.

Fay Picard went over the guidelines for the GCCE Scholarship application process. She stated that only one scholarship application had been turned in yet. She encouraged everyone to participate because \$6,000 in scholarships will be distributed this year. The deadline to apply is May 15. Fay reported that Tracey Wheeler had sent out on email regarding the guidelines for considerations and would be sure to send it out again.

Page mentioned that GCCE has the opportunity to sponsor the Chairman's Reception at the TCCE Annual Conference in June for \$500, and it was agreed on. There was discussion about all GCCE members possibly wearing the same color to stand out at the reception, as done in past years. Page will gather more details about the event and report back at the next meeting so that a decision can be made.

A special presentation on Membership was held, facilitated by Tracey Wheeler. Several Chamber execs presented information about their programs for recruitment, retention and recognition. Discussion followed by all members present, and brochures and other literature samples were passed out.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 for lunch.

Minutes prepared by: Stephanie Biondolillo, Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce