

Gulf Coast Chamber Executives
Minutes
Friday, July 24, 2012
Hosted by Palacios Chamber of Commerce

The July 2012 meeting of the Gulf Coast Chamber Executives was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Page Michel, President. Page thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Palacios Chamber of Commerce for hosting.

Page introduced Patsy Gibson with the Palacios Chamber of Commerce. Patsy welcomed everyone to Palacios and introduced special guest from Palacios.

Self-introductions were made by all members present.

Page reported that Jenna Armstrong, Secretary has resigned her position with GCCE due to her new President position at Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce. Page has spoken to Tim Culp and has agreed to accept the Secretary position. A motion was made by Missy Malechek to appointment Tim Culp Secretary of GCCE and seconded by Jason Ebey. The motion was approved.

Minutes from the May 18, 2012 meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Shari Sweeney with a second from Missy Malechek. The motion was approved.

The Financial Report was presented by Tracey Wheeler, Treasurer. Total cash on hand at the end of June was \$6,438. There was no new income to report. Most of the scholarships have been paid to date except for three. Tracey was waiting for bank statements to complete the July Financial Report. Cindy Harreld, Vice President asked if GCCE had reimbursed Missy for the roses at the TCCE Annual Conference. Missy stated that the roses were donated by her. Group thanked Missy for her kindness. A motion was made by Jason Ebey to approve financials with a second by Candance Samples. The motion was approved.

Page opened a discussion about Affiliate/Associate Membership. It was agreed the Affiliate/Associate Membership investment fee would cost \$400 a year and include a booth at the Annual GCCE Volunteer Conference, use of the GCCE Logo for affiliation recognition and online listing on the GCCE website. Attendance at the monthly membership meetings will not be included as a benefit for Associate Members. A motion was made by Cindy Harreld with a second by Jason Ebey. The motion was approved.

Cindy reported on the 2013 GCCE Leadership Conference. The conference will be held on Friday, February 1, 2013. Cindy was working with the Hobby Hilton to confirm the location. She asked that if anyone has suggestions on topics please send them to her.

Page then asked the group to evaluate the current membership investment for GCCE. The current investment fee was \$25 per chamber with an additional \$10 per staff member. Everyone agreed the cost for membership should be increased and those attending meetings should have paid memberships for all staff members who attend. Jason Ebey made a motion to increase the membership investment to \$50 per chamber with an additional \$10 per staff member. Shari Sweeney seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

A roundtable discussion was held among those present.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. for lunch.

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