



## Gulf Coast Chamber Executives March 2012 Meeting

March 23, 2012

10:00 am

*Hosted by Brenham/Washington County Chamber & CVB*

Members Present: Lake Houston Area Chamber: Jenna Armstrong & Stephanie Johnson; Santa Fe: Stacie Tassin & Fay Picard; Houston NW: Alyssa Wilson; Texas City/La Marque: Lorrie Koster, Jimmy Hayley and Jenny Senter; TCCE: Aaron Cox; Palacios: Mary Johnston, Patsy Gibson; Heights: Ken Stallman; Community Chamber: Delilah Lewis; Magnolia Parkway: Diane Holland, Katy Daenzer; Sealy: Candace Samples; La Porte/Bayshore: Colleen Hicks; Baytown: Tina Martinez and Tracey Wheeler; Angleton: Taressa Moon and Beth Journeay; Brenham/Washington Co.: Megan McCoy, Jane Hinze and Page Michel; North Channel Area: Margie Buentello; Pasadena: Sherry Trainer, Janette Morgan, Kimberly Tolleson; League City: Jason Ebey

The January 2012 meeting of the Gulf Coast Chamber Executives was called to order at 10:07 am by Page Michel. Page welcomed all in attendance on behalf of the Brenham/Washington County Chamber & CVB.

Page introduced Aaron Cox, Chief Administrative Officer of TCCE.

Self-introductions were made by all members present.

Minutes from the January 2012 meeting were not available. Page announced that minutes from the January 2012 meeting will be presented for approval with the minutes from the March 2012 meeting at the April GCCE meeting.

Tracey Wheeler presented the Financial Report. She reported a net income of \$3,423.86 from the 2012 Leadership Conference and YTD dues income of \$1,590. The Cash on Hand as of March 23, 2012 was \$10,081.28. A motion was passed to approve the financial report .

Tracey presented the Leadership Conference final report. Tracey reported a decrease in net income from prior year's conference. She said registrations were down slightly, but the main reason for the decrease in income was the lack of a corporate sponsor. She also noted there had been no increase in the price to attend the conference from the prior year. A motion was passed to approve the Leadership conference Final Report.

Tracey gave an overview of the conference financials, an update on GCCE membership dues, and stated that all scholarships were paid out in 2011. She presented a 2012 budget proposal showing a starting balance of \$5,079.42. A motion was made by Colleen Hicks with a second from Diane Holland to approve the financial report and adopt the 2012 proposed budget. The motion was approved.



A discussion was held about the 2013 Leadership Conference Committee. As VP of GCCE, Cindy Hareld will chair the committee. Tracey Wheeler, Sherry Trainer, Jason Ebey, and Fay Picard volunteered to serve on the conference committee.

Tracey requested that an amount be set for GCCE scholarships to be awarded for conferences and training. Tracey said that in 2011 \$6,000 was allocated for scholarships and suggested the same amount to be allocated for 2012 scholarships. A motion was passed to allocate \$6,000 in scholarships for training and conferences.

Page announced that she will begin calling GCCE members that haven't paid their dues and/or haven't seen in a while in an effort to get them more involved.

Tracey announced that the April 27 GCCE meeting in Deer Park will focus on retention and recruitment. Tracey will facilitate the meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring their membership formula, retention plans, and other membership materials to share.

Fay suggested we decide who will serve on the scholarship committee. Fay volunteered to chair the committee. Sherry Trainer, Tracey Wheeler and Beth Journeay volunteered to serve on the committee.

Roundtable discussion was held among those present.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm for lunch.

Minutes prepared by: Jenna Armstrong, Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce