

**OROFINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2008
PONDEROSA BANQUET ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Board Member Monica Jones called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. There were 12 members and two guests present. Staff included Burnham.

MINUTES

The minutes of the general membership meeting are now being emailed to the membership with the meeting reminders. The minutes of the general membership meeting were approved as presented.

GUESTS

Our guests were Tonya McElfers with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in Lewiston and Treva Kayler with Kayler's Bend Golf Course on behalf of the John Kayler memorial scholarship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A check was presented to Janet Burnham for the John Kayler Memorial Scholarship, formerly the Loose Change Scholarship from the proceeds of the Little Elf Shop. The check was in the amount of \$603.57 and was the result of a community effort and the efforts of the Christmas Festival Committee, Rotary, Kiwanis, and other community members who donated items and time to make the event successful.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We will have a Board of Directors meeting next Monday the 10th at noon at the Ponderosa.

The Chamber Office is undergoing a remodel this week. Thanks to all who are helping out. Please stop by to see the finished product.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Affairs- The committee is continuing their Tuesday morning conference calls with our legislators who are trying to finish up, but it looks like they will be going another week or two. The committee has given input on several pieces of legislation such as opposing the vehicle registration fee to \$150.

Promotional-No Report.

Auction- The auction committee has chosen the theme "Surf's Up" and has begun solicitation for auction items. The auction will take place on May 2 at the Best Western Lodge at River's Edge.

Welcome and Membership- We will have three welcomings tomorrow morning beginning at 9:00; Singletree Used Cars, Kimberling Insurance at their new location and the Clearwater Arts and Crafts Co-Op at their new location. Please join us if you can and show support for these businesses.

Economic Development – CCED had a meeting last week which included a presentation by Marge Kuchynka on the Deyo Reservoir.

Verizon is reacting to the Public Utility Council's ruling that they have fiber here by 2008. The next CCED meeting is March 19 at the Ponderosa Banquet Room at 6:00 p.m. North Idaho Manufacturers Association will present results from their manufacturer survey.

GEM- The committee will meet tomorrow at noon at the Krystal Café. They will discuss the scenic byway path from Canoe Camp to the Orofino Bridge and the proposed sidewalk and lighting project on the business side. There will be a "Business Boot Camp" March 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Extension Office.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

PROGRAM

Programs- *March 19* – Greg Smith and Elaine Green with the Idaho Commission on the Arts, North Central Idaho Region
April 2 – Meeting Cancelled
April 16 – Greener Clearwater County

Executive Director Burnham introduced our program speaker, Barbara Glodowski who is a Volunteer Ombudsman Manager for the Area Agency on Aging.

Glodowski updated the membership on the program and gave a powerpoint presentation outlining the losses, limitations and restrictions that one may feel when being placed in an assisted care facility. She likened the feeling to flying in an airplane and losing control.

Glodowski also outlined the emotional and physical losses that one might face in an assisted care facility. Emotional losses include loss of contact with friends and loss of purpose, self esteem and meaning. Physical losses might include loss of sensory pleasure, loss of out of home activities and self care.

Glodowski explained that they are piloting the Volunteer Ombudsman program in Orofino. They are in need of volunteers to sign up for a consistent weekly presence in our area assisted living facilities and skilled nursing homes as a friendly visitor to read, play games and be an advocate for the needs of the residents and their protective rights. The volunteers will also attend resident council and family council meetings and provide education to the family and resident. It is also important that the volunteer participate in programs in the facilities that will keep the resident engaged.

The rewards for Volunteer Ombudsman as well as volunteers in general are; volunteers live longer, they are more mentally engaged, they have an opportunity to make new friends, they have lower blood pressure, and they become aware of their own rights as they age.

Glodowski invited the membership to take an application and fill it out. The program offers free training to become a State Certified Ombudsman. The deadline for applications is March 21.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Ryan Smathers, President

ATTESTED:

Heather R. Burnham, Executive Director