

## North Plains Chamber of Commerce Minutes for April 13th, 2010

Those attending: Patti Burns, Loch Lolly Tree Farm; Bridget Sorensen; Joanna Mehaffey, West Coast Bank; Steve Centoni, Doorways Consulting; Stewart King, TriStar Properties; Dennis Brown, Portable Welding & More; Don Otterman, City of North Plains; Sue Cropp, Lakeview Farms; Steve Blanton; Les Davis, Lithtex; Kim Orton; Dan Clift; Cindy Hirst

Steve Centoni called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Board Report: City is considering a new sign ordinance. The board sent a letter to ask that another public hearing be held. Golf Tournament flyers have been printed. The board will ask the city to take over the advertising for the City-wide Garage Sale in the future.

City Update: Don Otterman reported that there will be a volunteer recognition on Apr 29<sup>th</sup> with wine and cheese being served. The Economic Development meeting will create a report on the state of the economic development in the next few weeks.

Garage Sale: The citywide garage sale will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup>. A number of people have signed up for it. Should be pretty successful.

Garlic Festival: The music has been scheduled. About 75% of the food vendors have already responded. All of the Arts & Crafts booths are done. Only a few Sponsorships have been received, more sponsors are needed.

Guest Speaker: SCORE representative spoke on the different classes they have to offer all businesses. All the classes are free and confidential. Some of the ones are: 'How to open and stay in business', 'business education, the basics', 'how to create a business plan', 'how to stay ahead', and many more. They have lawyers, marketers, financial experts and many others at their disposal. Check out their website at [www.scorepdx.org](http://www.scorepdx.org).

Guest Speaker: Bob Terry also spoke. He is a candidate for County Commissioner for District 4.

After Hours: Krissy's and NP Chiropractic were scheduled for After Hours but have had to reschedule for a later date.

.Door Prize Drawing: The pot was \$125. The name drawn was Last Watering Hole. They were not in attendance so the \$125 stays in the pot and grows to \$150 for next month.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, 2010