

# GREATER WHITTIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1/16/19

ATTENDING: Rebecca Langton, FCS; Sandy Fee, FCS; Mark Robinson-Wilson, HAP; Mardee McEntire, HAP; Kyle Sinclair, Harbor Master; Gordon Burton, DOT; Stephanie Carlson, AMHS; Bill Rome, Willard Island Video; Dave McCourtney, Ferrovia Services; Tia Froehle, Visit ANC; Tony Spiroski, Salmon Berry Tours; Trey Hill, Sea Tow; Amanda Clayton, AK Wild Guides.

CALL TO ORDER 12:03 by Lisa. Approval of minutes Kyle, Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup>.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Lisa, introductions. Tia – The China Summit is coming to ANC bringing 80 buyers looking to sell U.S. destinations to Chinese travelers. Would Whittier/Girdwood like to sponsor a lunch or tour? 3/26-29. GREAT opportunity to meet and greet!! Please contact [ASAP jkim@anchorage.net](mailto:ASAP jkim@anchorage.net) or [tourism@anchorage.net](mailto:tourism@anchorage.net) [www.activeamericachina.net](http://www.activeamericachina.net)

Lisa – Video – City and Chamber with Alaska Channel have the video about complete. We will launch it at the Boat Show and then the Sportsman Show. The link will be available in February to add it to your website.

TREASURERS REPORT: We are right where we should be this time of year. Check going out for the brochures. We have not received any partnership checks for the Boat Show. Kyle approved, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## OLD BUSINESS

\*Map is available here to view. It will be available at the Boat Show. Can pick up at Phillips after that. Ferrovia will pick up and deliver to Whittier.

\*Boat Show still has a lot of space available. Brochures can be displayed. Please get them to Kelly/Lisa/Rebecca/Stephanie ASAP. You will need to supply an acrylic stand. We are still looking for large displays – jet skis, kayaks, tunnel table, etc. Hours will be Fri Feb 15 & 16 10-8, Sun Feb 17 10-6. Seminar time has also been blocked off for the Chamber if you would like to speak, please contact Lisa/Kelly.

\*Emails – Krystal is answering the Chamber emails.

## NEW BUSINESS

\*Website needs updating. Got a quote for \$2000, looking for approval from Chamber for \$2000 to do the updates. They will make for easier access, easier linking, navigation, switching to WordPress. Kyle made motion for \$200, Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>.

\*Sun Princess of Japan, 7/7/19. This is an around the world trip and the final stop is in Whittier before heading to Japan. 1700 passengers will arrive at 1:30 pm with approximately 500 to wander around Whittier. Looking for an interpreter for the day to be located in the terminal.

\*H.A.P. - May 15<sup>th</sup> is the first ship for every Wed/Sat. Larger ship coming every other Sat with an extra 1,000 passengers. Lisa – We should have a concierge table set up with Chamber reps manning it. Encourage passenger to get back off the ship and wander around Whittier instead of waiting on the ship. Same type of coupon sheet handout as below. ↓↓↓↓

\*??? Can we hand out a “Passport to Whittier” page @ the tunnel for things like Harbor Day? Opening Day of Shrimp Season? Coupons, maybe a drawing at the end of the day/weekend.

\*Stephanie – Skagway does a “Spring Stroll” for local seasonal workers to introduce them to the local shops/businesses. Get a drink, food samples, ask questions – what to do in Whittier. Introduce in coming summer crews AND tunnel workers to the town.

\*Big Fat Ride/Bike ANC – plan for ride thru the tunnel is in the works.

## MEMBER NEWS

\*Stephanie - Sailing schedule is the same as last year. Fairweather is still running in the fall. Docks are being updated.

\*Gordon - Construction in the tunnel is in progress, watch for any schedule changes to be posted. New L.E.D.'s are coming.

\*Tony - Running year ‘round now. Heritage Cntr., dog sledding, musk ox farm, etc. Also in Fairbanks now.

\*Mark - Portage Glacier Cruises 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming up and a special cruise is being planned. More info to come!

\*Kyle - Purchasing a ‘safe boat’ for the harbor. 27’ RVS. It will be helping with the law enforcement/safety side of the harbor. Delong Dock getting complete assessment. Earthquake damage being looked at on ALL docks.

\*Trey - Sea Tow, 2018, the first year in Whittier was great. Looking forward to 2019. 4 vessels from PWS to Kachemak Bay.

\*Amanda - There are amazing ice caves this year. We’ve had to be super careful with the earthquakes. New fleet of snow machines. Jet skis are ready for summer.

\*Lisa – One vessel has a new motor. New boat is ready for service, leaving the east coast, due here in March. Will be doing the cross sound to Valdez with open seats for the trip back. May 3<sup>rd</sup> starts tours.

**NEXT MEETING MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCO T’S PIZZARIA @ NOON**