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### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2005

Marshall Islands Resort

Meeting called to order by President Carlos Domnick at 12:15 P.M. 25 members and guests in attendance.

- **Review** of November Minutes. Correction on the financial report the amount in the bank should be \$5405.85 instead of \$7364.00 Minutes approved as corrected
- **Introduction of Guests:** Pam – office management specialist for the U.S. Embassy and Dennis Reeder
- **President's Report:**
  - Welcome to guests
  - Welcome to guest speaker – Wilson Hess
  - Carlos attended a meeting regarding counterfeit protection. Thanks to the ambassador and the U.S. Secret Service
  - Job Corps meeting – transfer the center from Kwaj to Maui
  - Meeting with Senators Kabua and Loeak regarding V7AB
  - Consumers not happy with businesses that raise prices when there is a shortage of something. Retail Price Monitoring Act? – What is happening? Supposed to monitor pricing – good project for business and trade committee
- **Mail Summary:** Brochures
- **Treasurer's Report:** \$5405.85 in the account

**Guest Speaker:** Wilson Hess, president of CMI. Shared general information about CMI and its role in the community. Also shared accreditation information. He then showed a Powerpoint CMI – overview of CMI – number of students and budget. Big increase in entering students in January. Why? Because of new efficiency of Student Services. Finances – generate more money from outside then we get from RMI. What is the maximum number of students that we can take? Probably 850 – 900. Facilities are a major challenge. President Hess gave information on accreditation and the commission. Discussed sanctions, the current status of CMI which is show cause, review procedures, the appeal process and the timetable. He then discussed the conditions of the facilities that are poor and substandard. Need timely implementation of a facilities plan that is five years and needs a minimum of \$21 million. Could be designated to CMI by the RMI government. The government has verbally pledged 4-5 million per year for five years. Need an MOU signed before the accreditation meeting in January. What can you do?

Letter from COC to strengthen the governments resolve  
COC can write letter to the commission

Chamber Executive Committee to write letter on behalf of the chamber

**Committee Reports:**

- **Government Relations:** nothing to report
- **Business and Trade:** private sector survey will be coming sometime next year
- **Health:** There has been a delay in the “Buckle Up” campaign
- **Environment:** Meeting with public works and EPA regarding an EIA for a new dump site. Payless now has reusable bags for sale. There was a meeting on coastal management put on by EPA
- **Public Relations and Membership:** In the market for members. There are 500 employers and we have 30 paid members. This is the only consistent public forum. Need to beef up attendance. Advertise who is speaking in advance. Bring a friend to the meeting
- **Special Projects:** Christmas parade is December 17. Have collected \$820 in cash and \$320 in candy. Goal is \$5000 cash or candy

**Old Business:**

- Any mail that was sent out on November 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> is not getting there. Missing bag? Postal rates? – nobody knows.

**New Business:**

- AM/FM radio station – Senators Kabua and Loeak – want privatized radio station. Limited access on V7AB. Flyers were distributed and are on the tables. It is a good idea and the chamber supports it. Will advertise on it.
- Vet clinic – January 2 - 16

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:  
Donald Hess

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Approved with Corrections \_\_\_\_\_