

Condon Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2017

Members Present:

Holly Adam-LaRue, President; Delaney Watkins, Vice President; Melanie Wise, Treasurer; K'Lynn Lane, Executive Director; Rachel Weinstein, Lisa Greene, Max Klare, Dale Scobert, Kathryn Greiner, Wayne Standiford, Elizabeth Farrar, Rita Rattray.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President Holly Adam-LaRue

II. Welcome & Introductions

III. Treasurers Report

a. Report not available.

IV. Staff Report

a. Phone Calls: 23

b. Email: 82

c. Visitors: 23

d. Assists: 12

e. Member Referrals: 24

f. Facebook

- Followers: 780

- Likes: 804

g. Website Visitors

- December: 3,330

- January: 1,280

- 11% from Google & 5% from City of Condon

h. Relocation packet mailed to West Sacramento, CA

V. Business

a. Shop Local Promotion

- 373 punch cards entered into the drawing and this year thanks to a generous donation from John Cimmiyotti of Raymond James Financial Services we were able to hand out \$300 in cash to 7 lucky winners. We would like to congratulate the following people and thank all those who participated. \$18,650 was spent at our local merchants from November 19th-December 19th. We want to thank the businesses and community members for participating in the "Shop Local Promotion"

1. Linda Smith was the winner of \$100 Cash

2. Delaney Watkins, Marie Mallory \$50 Cash

3. Dorothy Hunter, Debra Lyda, Janice Blouse and Jennifer Hall \$25 Cash

b. Battle of the Bulbs

- We had a young family with two kids do the judging this year. Their parents mentioned there were so many honorable mentions to note and that they love the Christmas Spirit of our wonderful community.
- Thank You Columbia Basin for sponsoring the Residential Lighting Contest!
 1. Judges Favorite: Dave & Jennifer Aamodt
 2. Best Entryway: Dustan & Jen Hall
 3. Spirit of Christmas: Steve & Rhonda Shaffer
 4. Best Use of Lights: Dewey & Rena Kennedy
 5. Mini & Bright: Josh and Amanda Martin
 6. Most Original: Roger & Kathy Johnson
- Business Lighting Winners
 1. 1st-South Gilliam Health Center
 2. 2nd-Jamieson & Marshall
 3. 3rd-The Drive In
- It was discussed to encourage local merchants to sell lighting and decorations early so businesses and residents can get ready for the contest and parade. We would also like to plant the seed in advance and encourage all of Main Street to participate in the contest next year. LET'S LIGHT UP MAIN STREET & THE CITY OF CONDON.

VI. Membership Drive

- a. All membership invoices have been sent; please pay your yearly dues at your earliest convenience. We hope to have the 2017 Directories printed early March. 26 New members prospected. If you know of a business you think would benefit from Chamber membership please let us know, we would love to send them an application.
 - PLEASE if you have any additions or corrections that need to be made to your listing notify us as soon as possible. Simply visit our website at www.condonchamber.org to view your current listing.

VII. Come Home to Condon Campaign-Elizabeth Farrar

- a. Wonderful statistics given on progress of Come Home Campaign suggestions on next steps to take were given. Please see attached PowerPoint for more information or contact us, we would be happy to share.

VIII. Solar Eclipse

- a. Businesses should be prepared to see thousands of travelers passing through town the week before and of the Eclipse. August 21, 2017.
- b. Solar Eclipse committee meeting following the Chamber Meeting.
- c. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED to help with area information.

IX. SAFE

- a. A letter requesting support for an upcoming event was submitted by Lisa Greene. SAFE plans to bring motivational speaker Cara Filler to the area and open the event up to surrounding communities. They asked for donation of \$300 to help

with the overall expenses of the event. Shannon moved to donate \$300 towards the event, Wayne seconded. All in favor none opposed.

X. Correspondence

a. Thank you from Jay & Gretchen LaRue

- We are happy to share a quote: “in my 33 years on Main Street I have never seen the Chamber so proud, active and effective”. Jay & Gretchen

XI. Member Announcements

a. Condon Child Care is happy to note that have raised just over four hundred thousand dollars and are half way over their project goal. They will be selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle that will be drawn at half time of the Championship game on Sunday March 12th at the Tumbleweed tournament.

b. Upcoming Events

- January 21st-Chuck Crain Life in Concert at St. John Parish Hall 1 PM
- Jan 28th Robert Burns Supper & Celebration
- March 5-American Legion Spaghetti Feed
- March 11th & 12th Tumbleweed Basketball Tournament
- March 11th-Burning Barrel Open
- March 11th-St. Pats Dinner
- April 15th-Community Easter Egg Hunt
- June 9th-Artisans Market & Summer Concert in the Park
- July 3rd- Artisans Market & Summer Concert in the Park (FIREWORKS)
 - New this year! 4 Wheeler Rodeo
- July 4th-Condon’s Fabulous 4th of July
- August 4th- Artisans Market & Summer Concert in the Park
- August 5th-All Class Reunion
- August 26th- Artisans Market & Summer Concert in the Park
- August 30th-September 4th Gilliam County Fair
- October 1st-Scarecrow Contest
- October 31st-Trick or Treat Main Street/Haunted Hot Dogs
- November 18th -Fall Festival/Shop Local Promotion
- December 2nd-Condon Light Festival & Parade
- December-Battle of the Bulbs

Adjournment:

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 9:22 am

The next meeting will be on February 9, 2017 – 8:30 am at the Condon Chamber of Commerce

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 1/12/2017