

**Condon Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2017**

Members Present:

Holly LaRue, President, Delaney Watkins, Vice President; K'Lynn Lane, Executive Director, Max Klare, Rod McGuire, Lisa Greene, Dale Scobert, Lori Anderson, Mac Stinchfield, Nick Bettencourt, Don Williamson, Wayne Standiford, Melissa Forziat, Lisa Helms, Gary Bettencourt, Silvia Durfey, Lori Anderson.

- I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President Holly LaRue.
- II. Welcome & Introductions**
- III. Approve October Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Lori made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as sent out by email, Lisa seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- IV. Treasurers Report**
 - a. A Profit & Loss Statement was presented from January through December. There were no questions or comments.
- V. Staff Report**
 - a. Phone Calls: 52
 - b. Email: 84
 - c. Visitors: 64
 - d. Assists: 9
 - e. Member Referrals: 7
 - f. Facebook: Likes: 943
 - g. Website Visitors (please check out the new and improved Chamber of Commerce Website)
 - October 4,994 / November 1,738
 - Average 3,722 per month
 - h. **New Members:**
 - WI Construction
- VI. Business**
 - a. **Scarecrow Contest**
 - Thank you to all who participated in the 2017 Scarecrow Contest. There were over 40 scarecrows entered this year and 90 ballots turned in. Residential winners won local gift certificates in the amount of \$25/\$15/\$10. Business Winners won free years Chamber Membership for first place and \$25 off for second and third place.
 - Business winners were:
 1. Open Country
 2. Wheatland Insurance
 3. Bank of Eastern Oregon
 - Residential Winners
 1. Jana Griffith
 2. John Bold
 3. Laurie & Wes
 - b. **Trick or Treat Main Street**
 - Trick or Treat Main Street was held on Tuesday October 31st from 3-5 pm and was followed by Haunted Hot Dogs at the Memorial Hall 5-6:30. We would like to thank ALLETE Clean Energy for sponsoring and hosting the hot dog feed. They served 128 “witches fingers” and other fun holiday treats.

- Thank you Lori Anderson for handing out candy at the Chamber of Commerce. 119 stopped in for a sweet treat.

c. Fall Festival

- Please join us for the Annual Fall Festival that will be held on November 18th 2017 from 10-2 pm. The Festival will be held in the Memorial Hall and the upstairs of the Condon Elks Lodge. Vendor fee is \$15. Local Businesses will also be open for business. Including the Anderson Building who will also have a few vendors set up in the conference room and Lori will have her shop open upstairs.
- November 18th will also kick off our shop local promotion! Rod McGuire donated \$100 towards the shop local campaign this year. There will be \$200 in cash given to the lucky winners who choose to enter the promotion.
- Volunteers are needed for set up.

d. Condon Light Festival & Parade

- Please consider participating in this year's light festival & parade. The event will take place on December 2nd at 5:30 pm with a matinee to begin at 4 pm and caroling to begin at 5 pm on Main Street. Registration forms are available upon request. Photos with Santa and an evening of fun to take place at the Condon Elks Lodge following the parade. We would like to thank Columbia Basin for sponsoring and the Schott family for organizing this year's parade.

I. 2018 Summer Concert Series

- Sponsors needed! Please consider donating at any level. Average cost per concert is \$2200.00 we encourage you to use this as an opportunity to market for your business. Funding helps pay for the concert, lodging and hospitality for the band. We hope to raise over \$7,000 for this year's Summer Concerts in the park. Please be on the lookout for your sponsorship opportunity letter.

II. Community Counseling Solutions-Lisa Helms

- Community Counseling Solutions is hosting an event and would like to encourage the community to attend this free concert. Christopher Duffley will perform songs and share his wonderful life story at on December 13th -6:30 pm at the Condon High School gymnasium. On this same night our local first responders, volunteer firefighters, EMS, Dispatchers and police will be recognized for all they do.
- Desserts accepted on the day of December 13th to help with the dessert reception to follow the concert.

III. Robert Burns Supper Request

- A letter requesting support for the 21st annual Robert Burns Supper was read. Wayne made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$250 Max seconded all in favor, none opposed.

IV. Nomination Committee

- There are two vacancies on the Chamber Board of Directors for 2018. We are accepting nominations at this time for the Vice President and Treasurer position. Lisa Greene noted that she would be interested in the Treasurer role. If you are interested in either position please contact your Chamber Executive Director to be nominated at the December meeting.

V. Budget Committee

- Rachel Weinstein, Lisa Greene, Wayne Standiford and Delaney Watkins will serve on the budget committee for 2018.

VI. Letter of Support-METRO

- A letter of support was written and read to the membership as requested by Elizabeth Farrar who is helping Gilliam County oversee the Public Relations piece of the Bid to Metro. Mac moved that we send the letter of support, Wayne seconded. All in favor non opposed.

VII. Correspondence

- An email from Eileen Potter was read as this year marks the 25th year of the soap box derby. We encourage businesses to get involved and consider sponsoring a youth to participate in this year's event. Eileen will present more information at the January membership meeting.

VII. Member Announcements

- Lori Anderson-Please consider dropping off 12 items to be included in the Hospitality Bag. Items need to be dropped off to the Chamber or to the Anderson building no later than Thursday November 24th. Please make sure items donation for bags are non perishable. This is an excellent way to advertise and market for your business.
- Wayne Standiford-noted the importance of recognizing and showing appreciation and respect to our local first responders. He thanks them for all they did for he and his family during their time of tragedy.
- The Woolery Group is ecstatic to report that this year's Oktoberfest brought in over 250 supports and he guesses that close to twenty thousand dollars was raised for the Woolery project. The huge tent on the peninsula in Arlington proved to be a wonderful location for friends and family to gather. Rod encourages everyone to plan to attend next year's event.
- Sage & Stone massage has massage gift certificates available as well as essential oil stocking stuffers. This is the perfect gift for loved ones or the perfect treat for you. Silvia has a new phone number 541-253-6402.

VIII. Guest Speaker Melissa Forziat

- For more information or to see the slides from Melissa's presentation please contact Melissa@melissaforziateevents.com
- You will not be disappointed!!!!

IX. Upcoming Events

- a. November 18th-Fall Festival 10-2 pm Condon Elks Lodge/Memorial Hall
- b. Battle of the Bulbs Residential & Commercial Light Contest
- c. December 2nd Condon Light Festival & Parade
 - Sponsor Columbia Basin Electric
- d. December 13th-6:30 pm Christopher Duffley at Condon High School
- e. January 27th-Annual Robert Burns Supper

Adjournment:

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am

The next meeting will be on December 14, 2017 – 8:30 AM at the Condon Chamber of Commerce

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 11/20/2017