

**Condon Chamber of Commerce  
Membership Meeting-January 10, 2019**

**Members Present: Holly LaRue; President, Pat Reilley; Vice President, Delaney Watkins; Member at Large, K'Lynn Lane; Executive Director, Lori Anderson, Debbie Lankford, Eileen Potter, Rachel Weinstein, Conrad Hock, Rod McGuire, Dustan Hall, Amanda Hendricks, Stephanie Carter, Sue Logan.**

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Approve November/December 2018 Minutes**

- a. Lori made a motion to approve the November & December meeting minutes, Rachel seconded. All in favor none opposed.

**III. Treasurers Report**

- a. Budget vs. Actuals presented, no questions were asked.

**IV. Staff Report Statistics-December 6-January 9**

- a. Phone-45
- b. Email-92
- c. Visitors-58
- d. Referrals-22
- e. Assists-23
- f. Facebook-1121
- g. Website
  - i. 2018 we finished the year with 63,442 Hits
  - ii. December 3246
  - iii. Jan 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>-787
- h. New Members
  - i. Gillott Home Team
  - ii. Mountain Views/Urban Rocks
  - iii. Coastal Reclaim
  - iv. Roxy's Rustic Furniture
  - v. Red Wagon Antiques
  - vi. Growing Fierce/He/Art by Jessica
  - vii. Bischof's Fly Fishing
  - viii. Mann Mortgage
- i. Special thank you was given to Lori Anderson and Kathy Bures for their help assembling the Christmas bags for the residents at SSV. Thank you also to the businesses who donated items. Your act of kindness does not go unnoticed.
- j. Rentals available in Fossil, Arlington and Condon, please let us know if we can help!

**V. Business**

- a. **2018 Condon Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business of the Year**
  - i. Congratulations Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative & thank you!
- b. **2019 Condon Light Festival Theme Suggestions**
  - i. Several theme ideas were discussed including; A Winter Wonderland, A Christmas Story, The Nightmare Before Christmas, A Country Christmas, Jingle Bells, Christmas Carol.
  - ii. 2019 Condon Light Festival & Parade Theme:  
Condon's Country Christmas  
December 7<sup>th</sup>-5:30 pm  
please save the date and plan to participate!
- c. **Mission Statement**
  - i. Examples were given and a wonderful discussion was had on our intention and goals. Lori moved to approve the updated mission statement as it reads below, Stephanie seconded. All in favor none opposed.
    - 1. Our mission is to provide leadership to create regional economic prosperity for our members through business development; the support of civic, educational and cultural events; and the enhancement and promotion of tourism development to ensure thriving communities.
- d. **Waste Management Committee Update**
  - i. Mtn. Identifier
    - 1. This will be a collaboration project between the Condon Chamber of Commerce, Gilliam County Road Department and Oregon Department of Transportation.
      - a. Concrete/Mortar cost estimate approximately \$2,225
        - i. In addition to the pedestal rehabilitation, ODOT has agreed to do the weed abatement and gravel backfill. They will also replace the sigs at the identifier location and the advance warning signs.
        - ii. Completion goal is June 2019
  - ii. Historic Benches
    - 1. The steel to begin the benches has been ordered and delivered. We have collected two tailgates and are still looking to acquire 3 more. If you know of anyone who would be willing to donate a tailgate to the historic bench project please have them contact the Condon Chamber of Commerce. We are looking for tailgates from the era of the 50's-60's
  - iii. Kiosk
    - 1. The new kiosk panels have been installed at J.S. Burres Park! We hope to complete the other 3 by early spring.

e. **Fourth of July**

- i. We are accepting nominations for our 2019 Fabulous Fourth of July Grand Marshals NOW....please submit your nomination no later than February 10<sup>th</sup> to be considered.
- ii. We will select our 2019 Grand Marshals and Them during our February 14<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting.

f. **Election of Officers**

- i. We are looking to recruit two additional Board Members, one from the Budget/Waste Management Committee and someone who would consider taking on the role of our Treasurer. Please contact one of our current Board Members to inquire about this wonderful opportunity.

g. **Shop Small**

- i. Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> wrapped up the "Shop Local Punch Card Promotion". There were 1,162 punch cards entered into the drawing and this year thanks to a generous donation from your local Chamber of Commerce we were able to hand out \$200 in cash. We would like to congratulate the following people and thank everyone for participating.
  - Rena Kennedy was the winner of \$100 Cash
  - Robyn Johnson was the winner of \$50 Cash
  - Ange Irzyk & Valerie Godfrey were each recipients of \$25 Cash

\$58,100 was tracked to have been spent at our local merchants from November 17<sup>th</sup>-December 20<sup>th</sup>. We want to thank the businesses and community members for participating in the "Shop Local Promotion" Remember: Whenever possible, please shop at home! These businesses add to the character of their community. They offer personalized attention, add diversity to our shopping options, and bring life to historic buildings. They pay their employees and local taxes with the income they receive. Each time you choose to spend your dollars in your own home town, you are voting for the continued strength and vitality of your community.

h. **Battle of the Bulbs Lighting Contest**

- i. As the holiday season wraps up we would like to thank the Condon businesses and residents for lighting up the spirit of Christmas with the Condon Chamber of Commerce and Columbia Basin Electric sponsored lighting contest. This year a young family was chosen to judge the "Battle of the Bulbs" lighting contest and have chosen several deserving recipients of a \$25 Columbia Basin Electric Gift Certificate.

Prizes for first place were chosen in each of the following categories.

- Best Use of Lighting-Dave & Jennifer Aamodt
- Most Original-Dewey & Rena Kennedy
- Mini & Bright-Bernita Rice
- Spirit of Christmas-Steve & Rhonda Shaffer

- Best Decorated Entryway-Mac & Jan Stinchfield
- Judges Favorite-Dallas & Laura Harsin

There are several residents who the judges would like to give honorable mention to: Ray & Ruth Lantis, Roger & Debi Lyda, Kevin & Eileen Potter, Roger & Kathy Johnson, Vernon & Chrystal Grey, Brian & Mackenzie Barnett, Bob & Cindi Selby, Hershal & Julie Lantis, Aaron & Chris Fitzsimmons, Joe & Britani Mills and Larry and Jackie Hardie.

Our Historic Main Street also looked beautiful coming from both directions of town. We would like to thank all those businesses who participated and recognize the Historic Hotel Condon as our first place business winner and the recipient of a free year membership to the Condon Chamber of Commerce. Second and third place winners receive \$25 off 2019 Chamber membership dues, those chosen were Summit Springs Village and Wheatland Insurance.

#### **i. Correspondence & Member Announcements**

- i. Lori Anderson thanked Kathy Burres and the many businesses who donated items for the goodie bags given to local residents at Summit Springs Village just before Christmas. Lori and Kathy filled the bags and Lori helped distribute them. The joy and tears will not be forgotten!
  1. Please think ahead and plan to contribute to the bags next year. If you are looking for suggestions we have a list of items!
  2. Consider dropping in and visiting with a resident if you have free time!
- ii. Lori Anderson-would like to explore the opportunity of bringing an urban legislature to visit our community!
- iii. Country Massage-Amanda Hendricks invites you to visit her website and see the list of services offered. Amanda also has a mailing list that clients can sign up for that will send out promotional offers and birthday discounts. Sign up today at <https://www.countrymassage.net/>
  1. You can also see Amanda over at Shear Beauty in Fossil; she visits the Salon twice a month offering chair massage. Don't hesitate to book ahead. All scheduling can be done online through Amanda's website.
- iv. Murray's Condon Pharmacy-would like to welcome you into visit with and meet Anna Charapatta the new PIC for Murray's. Murrays in now offering flu and shingles vaccinations!
- v. Rod McGuire-The Woolery Group is helping host Joni Harms and the "Ultimate Country Cowboy Experience" Please join him and friends on March 2, 2019 in the "Let'er Buck Room" for a wonderful experience!



Meeting adjourned at 9:33 by Holly LaRue.

Join us on February 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am for our February Membership meeting!

Respectfully submitted by K'Lynn Lane

1/14/2019

#### Upcoming Events 2019

- a. Country Cowboy Experience-Woolery Fundraiser w/Joni Harms March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- b. Missoula Children's Theatre March 8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> Condon High School
- c. Tumbleweed Basketball Tournament March 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup>
  - i. St. Johns Prime Rib Dinner March 9<sup>th</sup>
- d. Community Easter Egg Hunt April 21<sup>st</sup> 10 AM
- e. Jackpot Rodeo, May 4-5 Arlington, Oregon
- f. Artisans Market & Concert in the Park June 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-7 pm 6:30-9:30 pm
  - i. Bicycle Rides NW EVENT June 22<sup>nd</sup> -June 29<sup>th</sup>
- g. Harvesters Classic Softball Tournament June 29<sup>th</sup> /30<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Home Run Derby June 29<sup>th</sup>
- h. Condon's Fabulous Fourth of July – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - i. Condon Artisans Market/Concert in the Park
- i. Fossil Blue Grass Festival July 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>
- j. Dave Barnett Memorial Golf Tournament July 6<sup>th</sup>
- k. Four Wheeler Rodeo July 6<sup>th</sup>
- l. Artisans Market & Concert in the Park August 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-7 pm 6:30-9:30 pm
- m. CHS ALL Class Reunion August 3<sup>rd</sup>