

**Condon Chamber of Commerce  
Membership Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2017**

**Members Present:**

Holly LaRue, President, Delaney Watkins, Vice President; K'Lynn Lane, Executive Director, Max Klare, Lori Anderson, Mac Stinchfield, Wayne Standiford, Kathy Burres, Rachel Weinstein, Pat Reilley, Jennifer Bold, Mary Dyer.

- I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President Holly LaRue.
- II. Welcome & Introductions**
- III. Approve November Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Jennifer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as sent out by email, Lori seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- IV. Treasurers Report**
  - a. Treasurer Absent
- V. Staff Report**
  - a. Phone Calls: 42
  - b. Email: 75
  - c. Visitors: 43
  - d. Assists: 7
  - e. Member Referrals: 15
  - f. Facebook: Likes: 955
  - g. **Website Visitors (please check out the new and improved Chamber of Commerce Website)**
    - November 3,168
    - December 1,512
    - Average 3,737 per month
    - TOTAL in 2017 so far 44,846
  - h. Correspondence
    - packet sent to Arizona
    - 2 inquiries for rentals/home purchase
    - Invoices have been sent to all current members
    - 32 new potential members will be solicited for membership
- VI. Business**
  - a. **Fall Festival**
    - Our Annual Fall Festival was an absolute success with 57 vendor spaces sold. We collected \$905 in fees and spent just under \$100 for advertising and marketing expenses.
  - b. **Condon Light Festival & Parade**
    - 24 Floats were entered into this year's parade
    - 50 people attended the Matinee at the Liberty Theatre
    - 130 kids had photos taken with Santa
    - Thank you to parade organizers Jeff & Nichole Schott
    - Thank you to the Condon Elks Lodge for hosting the after party
    - Thank you to Jan Schott for baking holiday cookies
    - Thank you Pat & Trudy Beaston

- Thank you Columbia Basin for sponsoring parade.
- Thank you to Riney family for donating left over cookies and poinsettias
  1. Ideas and themes were discussed for the 2018 Condon Light Festival and Parade. It was voted on unanimously to choose The Polar Express as our theme for next year's parade and celebration which will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> with a very similar line up as this year.
  2. Please no parking on main street before the parade

**I. 2018 Summer Concert Series**

- Suggested dates were mentioned for the 2018 summer concerts in the park and artisans markets.
  1. June 15-July 4 and August 3<sup>rd</sup>
  2. Sponsorships received \$3,450
    - a. Anticipated to come in \$3,700
  3. Per membership discussion dates were approved and bands can be booked for the 2018 Summer Concerts in the Park.

**II. Waste Management Funds Committee**

- Mac was the only member from the funds committee in attendance of today's meeting he discussed the four items in which the funds had been discussed being funneled into and where the group was in the process. Mac and the committee will reconvene and decide the best options moving forward. Rachel mentioned the Pedestrian Bike Path that is being researched from Condon to Cottonwood Canyon State Park and felt that maybe some of the funds could be used to match grants.

**III. Election of Officers**

- Holly Adam LaRue – President
- Pat Reilley – Vice President
- Lisa Greene – Treasurer
  1. Lori made a motion to case a unanimous ballot for the nominations read, Kathy seconded. All in favor none opposed.

**IV. Bank of Eastern Oregon Signers**

- Rachel made a motion to remove Melanie Wise, Delaney Watkins and Kathy Burres as the signers on the Chamber Checking account.
- Rachel made a motion to add Pat Reilley, Lisa Greene and Holly LaRue as signers on the Chamber of Commerce Checking account. All in favor none opposed.

**V. Business of the Year Presentation**

- Congratulations to our 2017 Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Bank of Eastern Oregon.

**VI. Fireworks Display Contract/Increase**

- The fireworks display will remain the same however there was a 10% increase to the budget totaling \$5,500 for this year's show. Kathy moved to approve the fireworks display, Lori seconded. All in favor none opposed
- Discussion on fundraising ideas
  1. Belly flop contest
  2. Fireworks burger at local eateries or an item on the menu that a portion of proceeds could go to help fund the display
  3. Are you looking for a great way to get your business exposure? SPONSOR all or some of the fireworks display!

## **VII. Membership Clings**

- K'Lynn presented the membership with the idea of having static window clings made for members of the CCC instead of printing certificates.
  1. Discussion-It was decided that this year we would print our certificates and look into alternative options for members and present at a later date.

## **VIII. Housing Solutions Update**

- The Gilliam County Attainable Housing Committee is thrilled to announce they are close to wrapping up the initial part of the housing solutions process. Gilliam County recently approved the group's financial ask of \$500,000 to be distributed to PCDC who will administer and handle the loan application process and distribution of funds for specific projects.
- K'Lynn read the commitment the Chamber of Commerce will be asked to sign and encouraged the members to support the project and sign off on the Declaration of Cooperation. Mac moved to sign the DOC, Lori seconded. all in favor none opposed.

## **IX. Condon Scholarship Foundation**

- A motion was made by Jennifer Bold to approve \$300 for the Condon Scholarship Foundation Scholarship that is given annually by the Chamber of Commerce. Kathy seconded. All in favor none opposed.

## **VII. Member Announcements**

- Condon Child Care gave an exciting update on the progress of the new facility which will be move-in ready by the end of December. Jennifer noted that the kids will not be attending classes until after spring break which will allow the center time to build the playground and do some landscaping.
  1. Are you interested in helping contribute funds to the Condon Child Care, they have several gifting options available.
    - a. Giving Tree-located in the lobby at the Child Care
    - b. Donors Choose-Smart Reading Program
    - c. Amazon Smile-Sign up today and pick the Child Care as the non-profit you wish to see 1% of your eligible purchases go to. This is a year round program and it doesn't cost you anything to select the Child Care.
    - d. Go Fund Me Page which will help with items needed to open the doors!
    - e. Contact Jennifer Bold at the Condon Child Care with questions on how you can donate, volunteer or get involved.
- Lori Anderson-thank you to Country Flowers, Murray's Condon Pharmacy and Lori for donating items and goodie bags for the residents at Summit Sprints Village.
  1. If you would like to help contribute items to next year's bags please contact Lori! Items needed are; Gift bags, Tissue Paper, Candy, anything you think an elderly person may like, that might brighten their day. She hopes to assemble 24 bags for next year.
- Wheatland Insurance Food Drive going on now until December 18<sup>th</sup> all donations go to your local food bank. Please drop off donations in Condon at 307 S. Main Street or in Fossil at Wright Chevrolet.
- Delaney would like to thank the Chamber and the Membership for 2 great years serving as the Vice President. But don't worry she will still be supporting the Chamber at the events but is taking this time to focus on her job and beautiful family.

## **VIII. Upcoming Events**

- a. First Day Hike-Cottonwood Canyon State Park January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- b. Annual Robert Burns Supper January 27<sup>th</sup>-2pm till late!
- c. Tumbleweed Tournament-March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>
- d. Community Easter Egg Hunt March 31<sup>st</sup> – 10 am Condon City Park
- e. Harvesters Classic Softball Tournament – June 30-July 1
- f. Fourth of July Celebration – July 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Adjournment:**

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 9:34 am

The next meeting will be on January 11, 2018 – 8:30 AM at the Condon Chamber of Commerce

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 12/14/2017