

Condon Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2018

Members Present:

Holly LaRue, President, Pat Reilley, Vice President; Lisa Green, Treasurer; K'Lynn Lane, Executive Director, Lori Anderson, Weinstein, Mary Dyer, David Zaworski, Kevin & Eileen Potter, Dale Scobert.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Welcome & Introductions

III. Approve December 2017 Meeting Minutes

- a. Lori made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as sent out by email, Rachel seconded. All in favor none opposed.

IV. Treasurers Report

- a. A profit & loss statement was submitted for January-December 2017 showing a net income of \$16,079.89.
- b. Approve 2018 Budget
- Lisa submitted the 2018 budget draft on behalf of the Budget Committee. Lori moved to approve the budget as presented, Dale seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- c. BEO Debit Card
- Lorie made a motion that the Chamber get a debit card to be used for necessary and pre-approved purchases, Rachel seconded. All in favor none opposed.

V. Staff Report

- a. Phone Calls: 27
- b. Email: 87
- c. Visitors: 49
- d. Assists: 4
- e. Member Referrals: 8
- f. Facebook: Likes: 956
- g. Website Visitors
- 1,469
- h. New Members
- Condon General Mercantile
 - Gilliam County Multiple Sclerosis Group
 - Condon School District

VI. Year End Staff Report

- a. **2017 Chamber Membership-152 Members**
- **A growth of 61 new members in just 5 years!**
- b. **2017 Statistics**
- **Phone Calls-458**
 - **Visitors-1,188**
 - **Facebook Followers-956**
 - **Emails Answered-1101**
 - **Website Visits for the year-51,809**
 1. **Avg. Monthly visits to the Chamber website 3,767**

VII. Business

a. Shop Local Punch Card

- Condon Chamber of Commerce announces the winners for the Shop Local - Punch Card Promotion. Wednesday December 20th wrapped up the "Shop Local Punch Card Promotion". There were 455 punch cards entered into the drawing and this year thanks to a generous donation from your local Chamber of Commerce and Rod McGuire of Paradise Rose Chuckwagon & Catering we were able to hand out \$200 in cash. We would like to congratulate the following people and thank everyone for participating.

1. Peggy Ashmead was the winner of \$100 Cash Julie Barnett was the winner of \$50 Cash. Kelly Jo Janes, & Chanel Kelly were each recipients of \$25 Cash
2. \$22,750 was tracked to have been spent at our local merchants from November 18th-December 20th. 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. The Condon Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank all the volunteers, businesses and community members for supporting the local events.

b. Battle of the Bulbs Lighting Contest

- Business winners:
 1. Murray's Pharmacy-Condon, Oregon
 2. Jamieson & Marshall
 3. The Drive-In
 - Residential winners:
 1. Judges Favorite-Vernon & Chrystal Grey
 2. Best Entryway-Kerwin Brown
 3. Spirit of Christmas-Dave & Jennifer Aamodt
 4. Best Use of Lights-Ron Kopp
 5. Mini & Bright-Donna McIntosh & Shirley Ludlow
 6. Most Original-Benita Rice
- \$25 Gift Certificates to Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative were given to Residential Winners. Business Winners received a \$25 local Certificate. Thank you Columbia Basin Electric for sponsoring the 2017 Battle of the Bulbs Lighting Contest. And to all the Main Street Businesses who participated in lighting up our Historic Down Town for the holidays. It sure looked pretty!

c. Soap Box Derby

- Kevin & Eileen Potter who are long time organizers and sponsors of the yearly Soap Box Derby are proud to announce that this year marks the 25th year of the Soap Box

Derby. Kevin and Eileen would like to challenge Condon Businesses to participate and compete in the 25th Anniversary on July 4th – 2018. There are two classes you can enter a Hobby and Open Class (essentially in open class ANYTHING GOES). Each car is allowed 2 classes. Attached are the Soap Box Derby rules, please contact Kevin or Eileen Potter for any questions. They would love to see more pilots this year and a renewed energy in the race.

- Attached to the email are the rules and regulations-please consider participating. It's a huge advertising opportunity!

d. Gilliam County Attainable Housing Solutions – Update

- The Declaration of Cooperation signing ceremony will take place on January 23rd at 5:30 pm at the Anderson Building. Please join the committee to celebrate the project's success.

e. Condon Education Foundation Scholarship

- Suggested essay questions were discussed.

f. EOVA Guide

- The Chamber's draft was distributed for approval
 1. Discussion on photo. Lori moved to approve the \$250 ad purchase for the Eastern Oregon Visitors Guide, Dale seconded. All in favor none opposed.

g. Correspondence

- Thank you card from Summit Springs Village
- Postcard from Painted Hills Vacation Rentals
- Thank you card from the Bank of Eastern Oregon

VIII. Member Announcements

- a. Columbia Basin Cooperative is pleased it has already provided energy to an electric car in 2018.
- b. The Round Up Bar & Kitchen is now hiring a cook-please email Mary or Mason or stop in for an application. masonubanks@gmail.com or maryhdyer@gmail.com.
- c. Wheatland Insurance now has a new full time employee. Welcome Haylee Potter to an outstanding team.

IX. Upcoming Events

- a. Annual Robert Burns Supper January 27th-2 pm till late!
- b. Tumbleweed Tournament-March 10th & 11th
- c. St. Patrick's Day Prime Rib Dinner March 10th 5:30-8 pm @ Parish Hall
- d. Community Easter Egg Hunt March 31st – 10 am Condon City Park
- e. Harvesters Classic Softball Tournament – June 30-July 1
- f. Fourth of July Celebration – July 4th
 - Artisans Market & Concert in the Park-Fireworks
- g. Artisans Market & Concert in the Park-August 3rd
- h. All Class Reunion August 4th-Condon Elks Lodge
- i. Gilliam County Fair & Rodeo August 29th-September 3rd

Adjournment:

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 9:14 am

The next meeting will be on February 8, 2018 – 8:30 am at the Condon Chamber of Commerce

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 2/8/2018