

Condon Chamber of Commerce

Membership Meeting Minutes–November 08, 2018

Members Present: Holly LaRue; President, Pat Reilley; Vice President, Lisa Greene; Treasurer, K'Lynn Lane; Executive Director, Lori Anderson, Rita Rattray, Dustan Hall, Rachel Weinstein, Conrad Hock, Peter Mitchell, Rod McGuire, Sue Logan, Delaney Watkins, Mac Stinchfield.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approve September 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

III. Treasurers Report-Lisa Greene

- a. Budget vs. Actuals presented

IV. Staff Report

- a. Phone Calls: 62
- b. Email: 96
- c. Visitors: 56
- d. Assists: 33
- e. Member Referrals: 43
- f. Facebook: Likes: 1112 (+28)
- g. Website Visitors
 - i. September: 3315
 - ii. October: 4404
 - iii. November: 1115 (statistics taken November 1- 8)
- h. Things to mention
 - i. We attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for BET Construction in Arlington. BET purchased 17 lots in Arlington with assistance through the Gilliam County Attainable Housing Initiative.
 - ii. K'Lynn mentioned how exciting it is to see some momentum from this project. Rachel mentioned that there are new grant programs available through PCDC included in the Attainable Housing initiative.
 - iii. Shared photos from the Dollars for Scholars dinner, Oktoberfest, scarecrow contest, Trick or Treat Main Street and all upcoming events.
 1. Thank you to all the parents to who sent in images of their kids having a blast on Halloween.
 - iv. K'Lynn attended the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce Conference in Eugene/Springfield in late October and gave a report on how excited she was to come back to the community and implement the success strategies that are proven to work. She expressed that the professional development investment that was made by the Chamber was worth every dollar and then some! The networking opportunities were abundant as was the knowledge of these other Chamber Directors who are so willing to lend advice or make suggestions. If you would like to hear more about the Conference or about the difference sessions that were attended please ask!
 - v. We now have an Instagram account. Please follow us at @CondonChamber

1. Thank you JDRT for hosting a very informative workshop on social media. If you missed the workshop or have questions about creating an Instagram account we would be happy to help!
2. Take a look at the SHOP LOCAL Window at M&A.
3. Kiosks have been restocked at the park locations (City, Burns & Cottonwood) with Cal's help we continually keep Main Street Businesses with the newest member brochures. Do you have a brochure you would like us to display? Or even business cards? Drop them by the Chamber office today!
4. K'Lynn noted that it's her 6 year anniversary as our Chamber Director.

V. Business

a. Bicycle Rides Northwest Presentation

- i. **MORE TO COME for now visit <https://bicycleridesnw.org/>**
- ii. Please inquire to find out how you can get involved.
- iii. Dates June 22-June 29 we will have a huge influx of people on both Saturdays.
 1. K'Lynn suggested we move the June concert to the 22nd.
 2. Discussion on moving the concert between members was unanimous. We will host our first Artisans Market and Summer Concert in the Park on June 22nd to help enhance the experience of all who come to participate in the 2019 BRNW Oregon "Time Flies"
 3. They are possibly looking for a Geologist or someone who knows the area to give presentations or possibly go along for the ride. There are so many opportunities here for your business and organization to shine! Please let us know how you want to get involved.

b. Scarecrow Contest

- i. Thank you to all the businesses and residents who participated in the 2018 Scarecrow Contest. We had 23 businesses participate and nearly 20 residents (most of whom did not register). Condon looked festive around every corner.
 1. Ballots were cast online through our email & Facebook accounts, and with special help from Mr. Colby's 6th grade class at Condon Grade School. He incorporated a great math lesson into this year's contest and it really got the kids excited!
 - a. Please note: Your efforts do not go unnoticed and your energy is what is making the spirit of Condon shine right now!
 - b. Business Winners
 - i. First-Frontier Regional 911
 - ii. Second-Bennett's Tire & Auto
 - iii. Third-Open Country Farm & Feed
 - c. Residential Winners
 - i. First-Stan & Terri Carnine
 - ii. Second-Dave & Sara Riney
 - iii. Third-Jason Pattee Family
 - d. Prizes
 - i. Thank you to Hatt's Fuel Stop & Mini Mart/Hattenhauer Distributing for donating \$100 in gift certificates to the residential winners.

- ii. Businesses in second and third received half off Chamber dues for one year and first place received one year sponsored membership. As mentioned we are so grateful to all of you for participating.

c. Fall Festival

- i. Please join us on November 17th 10-2 pm for our Annual Fall Festival. Be sure and invite friends and family to come up and shop for the day! We hope you will continue our shopping all the way down our beautiful Historic Main Street.
- ii. Volunteers needed for set up and take down. Please contact the Chamber for a wonderful volunteer opportunity. We would also like to see if a 4-H group is interested in being there the morning of the show to help vendors unload their vehicles.
- iii. Shop Small/Christmas in Condon Promotion
 - a. The Annual Shop Small/Christmas in Condon promotion will kick off on November 17th and run until December 20th. The drawing will be at Murray's at 11 am on the 20th. The Chamber will be sponsoring \$200 in cash prizes.
 - b. If you have questions for how the promotion works, just ask. Essentially we want businesses to mark off the symbol for every \$10 spent locally. For every \$100 spent they can enter into the drawing. Jars and cards will be distributed early next week as well as promotional SHOP LOCAL materials.

d. Condon Light Festival & Parade

- i. The Condon Light Festival and Parade will take place on December 1st. With the parade beginning at 5: 30 pm. A matinee will be featured at 4 pm playing "The Polar Express" and caroling in front of Sage & Stone Spa, led by Sara Whatley at 5 pm.
 - 1. We would love for your business to participate in the parade. Please plan ahead and help make it an incredible event for all who join in. Thank you to Parade sponsor Columbia Basin Electric and to parade organizers Jeff & Nichole Schott.
 - 2. Join us after the parade for photos with Santa at the Condon Elks Lodge.
 - a. We could use a volunteer to help with set up and to help host the beverage table.

e. Waste Management Fund Committee

i. Kiosk Updates

- 1. K'Lynn will be picking up the kiosk panels Friday November 9th. She anticipates that the panels can be hung at J.S. Burres Park immediately and Dave Drinkwine hopes to be able to install one kiosk before winter.
 - a. Discussion on priority kiosk. It was agreed the City Park was to be the first updated.

ii. Historic Main Street Benches/Bike Racks

- a. A proposal has been made to the City for approvals of the benches as well as a financial ask for financial assistance for the project.

- b. Do you happen to have an old Tailgate you would like to donate to the Chamber for the Historic Main Street Bench Project? Please let us know if you would like to contribute to the unique designs.
- c. The implement wheels for the bench at the Mini Park were donated by Dave Burren.
- d. Elizabeth is heading up the efforts for the bike racks and is working with an artist to create a dual art installation rack that will tie in with our Historic Main Street. She presented the membership with some unique designs that will also serve an artistic purpose when they aren't being occupied. Liz is waiting to get cost estimates back from the artists and estimates a spring installation. At this time all project ideas still need to be reviewed by the City of Condon Historical Committee.
 - i. Discussion on purpose and dual art function of bikes
- e. Mtn. Identifier Pedestal and Kiosk still waiting to hear about necessary permitting process we will have to go through for both rehabilitation of the pedestal and the kiosk at the Identifier.

2. Welcome to Condon Sign

- a. Mac is currently working on the placement of the sign and will continue to update the membership as the project unfolds. There is an ideal piece of property he has identified that is owned by ODOT and another small piece that may be acquired.
Stay tuned!

f. Summer Concerts/Artisans Markets

i. UPDATE:

1. We have changed our June concert date to June 22nd as we will be hosting the Bicycle Rides North West here in Condon and it's a fabulous opportunity to showcase all we have to offer as well as give our Artisans a fabulous opportunity to feature their goods.
2. We are looking for sponsors for the events. This is an incredible way to feature your business and advertise. We will print over #100 posters, and #1000 membership directories that will feature the poster. The poster will also be featured on our website and social media accounts for several months. For different sponsorship levels and opportunities please contact the Condon Chamber of Commerce.
3. June 22nd
4. July 4th
5. August 2nd –The Wasteland Kings
 - a. Collaborating to help make the All Class Reunion an absolute success.
6. **AGAIN, we are also looking for sponsors for the Concerts in the Park! Sponsors receive a huge amount of publicity; this is a wonderful way to promote your business! Please contact us for sponsorship information.**

VI. Fourth of July

- i. **Grand Marshal Nominations and theme suggests are now being accepted. Please submit your nominations! We will select our 2019 Grand Marshals and our theme at our February Membership Meeting.**

VII. Missions Statement

a. Presentation given on the 3 C's of Chamber's

- i. The Chamber of Commerce exists to be
 - 1. The Catalyst for business growth
 - 2. The Convener for leaders and influencers
 - 3. And the Champion for stronger communities
- ii. Mission Statement Discussion, video on Tex & Ollie
- iii. Attached to this email are Mission Statement ideas and suggestions. We are looking for feedback from Members, and want to hear from you if you would like any changes or revisions made to the Mission Statement.

VIII. Annual Meeting

- a. The Annual meeting will be on December 6th 5 pm at Lori's Place
 - i. Regular Membership meeting 5 pm
 - ii. Annual meeting presentation/dinner 5:30
 - iii. Mixer Reception to follow
 - 1. The dinner will be a no host dinner with special menu options made by Lori. Please plan to join us and stay tuned for your personal invitation.

IX. 2019 Slating of Officers/Board of Directors

- a. Holly LaRue President
- b. Pat Reilley Vice President
- c. Lisa Greene Treasurer
 - i. Lori Moved to approve the slated officers. Delaney seconded all in favor non opposed.

X. Correspondence & Member Announcements

- a. Join Lori Anderson at "The Apartment" for an Open House on November 17th at 4 pm. She will be hosting special guests who have unique ties to the space.
 - i. Lori thank you for offering yet another fabulous rental!
- b. Rita Rattray-Access to the John Day River will end December 1-April 15th
- c. Rachel Weinstein-If you are planning on purchasing an ad for the Eastern Oregon Visitors Guide please contact Rachel today!
- d. Rod McGuire-Oktoberfest was an absolute success, thank you to everyone who participated, donated and contributed to the event. Rod is currently working on an event in Pendleton featuring Joni Harms. If you are interested in donating or getting more involved with the Woolery Project contact Rod today.
- e. Peter Mitchell-Port of Arlington-The Island Spirit made an appearance in Arlington recently. This 128 ft boat holds 17 state rooms. 34 Guests aboard came into town and shopped locally. Peter is going to work hard to make Arlington a permanent stop on the Island Spirit's itinerary.
 - i. The Port recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Mesa Industrial Park for the new "Flex Building". This particular project is drawing the attention of several new businesses.

- ii. The Port is working with both Columbia Basin and Pacific Power collaborating on projects and working together to enhance the experience for businesses wanting to come into the area.
- iii. The Port is also thrilled to offer small business assistance programs and is thrilled with the results they are seeing from local businesses who have taken advantage of the programs.
- iv. Peter spoke about how exciting the fiber build is for our area!
- v. Rachel mentioned to be sure and look at the new programs now being offered through PCDC.

XI. Upcoming Events

- a. Fall Festival November 17th 10-2 pm
- b. Sean Kerworski Master of the Pan Flute
- c. Condon Light Festival & Parade 5:30 pm
 - i. Followed by pictures with Santa and family fun at the Condon Elks Lodge
- d. Battle of the Bulbs Residential and Business Lighting Contest.
- e. Robert Burns Supper January 26th Condon Elks Lodge
- f. Tumbleweed Tournament March 9/10
 - i. St. John Prime Rib Dinner March 9

Adjournment:

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 10:06 AM

The next meeting will be on December 6th – 5:00 pm –Lori’s Place @ Hotel Condon

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 11/9/2018



SHOP LOCAL

HOLIDAY GIVEAWAY

CASH PRIZES

MAKE A BIG IMPACT & SHOP LOCAL FIRST



Put your money where your heart is! Support your friends, neighbors and yourself. Whether you are hosting guests or looking for the perfect gift, remember to shop local this holiday season, it's a great way to support your local community!

HERE'S HOW TO PARTICIPATE



Participating businesses are proud members of the Condon Chamber of Commerce. With each \$10 purchase the merchant will sign off on the symbol. Once you have filled the card please write your name and phone number on the back and deposit it into the canister; pick up another card and keep playing to win cash!

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK



Shopping local is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community that we live in. Shopping local supports the businesses your schools & neighborhoods. Shopping local is also a sign that are grateful for your business community.

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY!



Two or three times as much money spent stays in the local economy when you buy goods or services from locally-owned businesses. Keep our community unique, help sustain our vibrant business economy in Condon.

THE CONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Please be sure and follow the Condon Chamber of Commerce on our Facebook page to stay connected with our area and community events. Thank you for shopping local first! Drawing will be December 19th-11 AM at Murray's


**CONDON LIGHT FESTIVAL & PARADE
THE POLAR EXPRESS**




DECEMBER 1, 2018
 MATINEE 4 PM
 PARADE 5:30 PM
 PHOTOS WITH SANTA
 FAMILY FUN
 AT THE ELKS LODGE




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 541-384-7777 OR WWW.CONDONCHAMBER.ORG




**BATTLE OF
THE BULBS**




**BUSINESS & RESIDENTIAL
LIGHTING CONTEST**
 CONDON, OREGON DECEMBER 1ST-21ST



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Your Calendars
For The 

22nd Annual



**Robert
Burns
Supper**

Sat., January 26, 2018

*Join us for a great
celebration of our Scottish heritage!*

**ADULT MEN'S
COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**



**MARCH 9-10, 2019
CONDON, OREGON**

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