

Rio Dell – Scotia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting

December 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. with Sharon Holt, Susan Pryor, Tracy O'Connell and Nick Angeloff (by phone). Gabriel Smith arrived a few minutes later. Jim Brickley was excused.

There is \$5,257.33 in checking and \$7,208.85 in savings.

Discussion centered on the tree lighting event the next night. Nick was going to get an indoor tree but Sharon has a neighbor who would donate one so she will bring it to the chamber at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Nick will bring a tree stand and needs to pick up the Santa suit.

- The tree will need to be decorated – who can help do this?

Tracy will be there after lunch to vac up the needles, set up the chairs, clean the bathrooms and do other prep for the event.

The Resource Center will bring things/set up at 4 p.m.

Tracy asked if we still intended to use this as our annual meeting and has a short list of points to make during that time such as introduce the board, talk about our quarterly mixers this past year (firefighters in Feb, cannabis in May, school leaders in August) and promote the membership drive. This was generally agreed to.

- Can we have about 15 applications to hand out in case anyone wants to join?

Nick bought hundreds of dollars of lights but they came too late to be part of the lighting effort last weekend.

Next year things need to be done differently as there was too little help in spite of promotion of the event, compared to the year before.

- Put the cut-outs up the weekend before Thanksgiving to reduce the work
- Explore groups like Teen Challenge and Conservation Corps for volunteers to help
- Potential expectation of Scotia for help there

- Need to explore lighting the bridge with Cal Trans during the year
- Can the lights in Memorial Park stay up at night through winter for the welcoming look they give the city?

Membership drive – email renewals will go out this coming week and hard-copy renewals mailed to those who don't have email like DJ's and Dan Collins.

Newsletter advertising – billing went out this past week to all advertisers in the newsletter insert.

Voting for board – Nick continues to try to reach cannabis firm representatives about serving in the open board seat.

Once ballots have gone out, come back and been counted, we need to elect officers for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell

Secretary