

# **Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce**

## **Board of Directors Minutes July 5, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. Present: Nick Angeloff, Jim Brickley, Sharon Holt, Tracy O'Connell, Susan Pryor, Gabriel Smith.

Discussion addressed details of the upcoming Wildwood Days events, including the parade and veterans salute.

Nick said his son Decho would be at the parade sign-in area to take the float information to the emcee before the parade starts; it was emphasized the parade shouldn't go until someone at the emcee's booth signals receipt of the information to Shane, the fire chief; and that the schedule of completing judging needs to be adhered to, regardless of late-arriving entries.

Jim said he would make a banner at no cost to the chamber to put on Sharon's truck as the chamber float, since the Dixieland band isn't able to participate; Nick will drive the convertible as the grand marshal entry with a member of the League of Women Voters, others walking.

Discussion included getting period cars to go with the women marchers; Jim said he would check with the Model A car club in Fortuna.

Susan received the donation from Fidelity Title and has the checks from the chamber to purchase prizes for the winners of the parade competition; Gabriel said Root 101 would donate the \$25 gift certificate for waffles as the chamber choice award.

Discussion shifted to the August mixer which will be August 16 at the fire hall with the heads of the two school districts as speakers. Susan donated a gift of wine and will ask Stormi Davis, Hoby's and HRC for donations; Sharon said she would donate a basket of school supplies; Gabriel said Root 101 would donate a prize. Nick will ask DJ's Burger Bar for a prize.

Nick will coordinate with Sandra Close for catering. He suggested Stormi Davis Bowen's cookie business for the November mixer.

Tracy said Frank Bacik had suggested putting the negative statements about the proposed Terra Gen wind farm which had been developed by the City of Rio Dell and the Town of Scotia, on the chamber website and she proposed a neutral presentation with information on both sides. There was general agreement this was fine.

Nick had information about the sales and other tax revenues that could come to the two local communities if the wind project went through and Tracy asked if he would write a piece in the next week for the upcoming newsletter covering that information.

Nick said he wanted to seek grant funds to replace the collapsed street light style pole that holds the Christmas reindeer display, and also to ask businesses to contribute to purchase an American flag to go

outside their business, using the holes already in the sidewalk to hold the poles, for a robust holiday display several times/year as Fortuna has. Additionally, he will seek funds for hiring an artist to paint a mural on the chamber side wall. Tracy moved and Sharon seconded to endorse both plans; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, secretary