

# **Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Monthly Board Meeting**

**Sept. 6, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. Sharon Holt, Susan Pryor, Gabriel Smith, Jim Brickley, and Tracy O'Connell were present; Nick Angeloff was available for part of the meeting by phone. Also present: Julie Woodall.

Members discussed what to have for a quarterly mixer in light of slim attendance at other mixer events and the preference that another organization would take the lead in putting it on/handling food and prizes, as is typically done in chambers of commerce elsewhere. If we stuck with the schedule of quarterly events, the next would be November. Sharon moved and Tracy seconded to hold the annual tree lighting event Dec. 7 as the next chamber mixer rather than slate an additional, separate one. The motion passed unanimously.

Gabriel said he would include an order for a 15 or 16 foot tall Christmas tree to donate from Root 101, with the order he will be placing for trees to sell. Sharon said she would complete the decorations she had taken upon herself to refurbish to decorate the chamber and possibly use for other purposes, as discussed last year. She said she would get that done in a month before she started making wreaths for her own, other project.

Nick asked by phone if we would be OK with the chamber handling getting the pole erected that fell down last year, which is required as part of the Christmas lighting display. He said the city would pay for the work as a donation if the chamber would manage the project. Tracy moved and Sharon seconded to proceed with this.

Jim said the muralist was very eager to get started on the mural that would go on the side of the chamber building and was hoping to find a place to stay locally, saying he could complete the project in two weeks. Tracy cautioned that he needed to not start until we had the funding firmly in place, and that we should all have a copy of the contract and review it individually before signing. Nick by phone went through the list of grants possible and it appeared none would be awarded for many months. Nick and Jim were to talk later after Nick reviewed the potential grants more thoroughly.

Susan is to check with Eldon Whitehead to ask him to relinquish the administrator status on the Facebook page about chamber history to someone on the chamber board, since he has not maintained the site. Sharon said an alternative course of action would be to launch a new page.

Tracy asked if there was a reason not to turn in the old computer at the chamber office during the upcoming electronic waste turn-in slated for mid-October. Susan reminded of the need to clear the hard drive of any information. No one had a reason to not turn the computer in since its programs are out of date and no longer supported, and it has not been used in a couple years.

NOTE: Is this even our computer (vs the arts council)?

Sharon reviewed the meeting to recap the 2019 Wildwood Days at the fire hall Aug. 22, noting that she suggested a parade theme of *50 years of fun*, supporting this upcoming year being the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wildwood Days celebrations, with the Shriners to be grand marshal as they have participated every year. This was adopted by the fire fighters and the Shriners have accepted. It was agreed to feature the Shriners in the newsletter the month before Wildwood Days.

Staging for the parade next year is to be at school except for the fire trucks which will stage from the fire hall. Sharon handed out a draft application for 2020 with a new format to hopefully better provide information to be seen easily by the emcee as the entries come down the street. She suggested, and the fire department endorsed, additional categories of prizes, for the best use of bubbles and the best use of balloons, since those were cheap and easy ways to dress up a float that many groups were using.

There was discussion on trying to get a band or alternatively to play 70s music over the loudspeaker to set the tone for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

It was agreed to seek photos of past Wildwood Days events to put on the chamber website, the newly launched or re-invigorated history page, and the fire department's Wildwood Days page. This could be done in the newsletter and in a Facebook post. It was discussed that there were supposed to be boxes of photos in the old chamber location at 715 Wildwood Ave., but Susan said she was involved in the move to the new location and there were no photos found.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, Secretary