

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce

Minutes June 5, 2020

There was no quorum in May, 2020 so no minutes from that meeting.

Present June 5: Jim Brickley, vice president; Sharon Holt, Tracy O'Connell, Susan Pryor
Nick is recovering from recent surgery.

Per Melissa, the balances for two current accounts are as follows:

- Flags – 65 sold, \$2,650 income, with \$2,097.45 spent, balance \$552.55.
- Food for seniors during Covid-19, \$6850 received, \$3,901.65 spent, \$2948.35 balance.

Sharon gave an update on the process of re-opening after Covid-19, saying that organizations can put together their own protocols to be followed and submit them for approval to the county in advance of waiting for the Stage 4 directions to be issued. For instance, the Eureka chamber's plan has been approved.

A cleanliness protocol involving use of masks, method of gaining supplies and formula for monitoring the completion of the protocols needs to be established for each usage of the facility, for instance by each of the groups using it. There would need to be time for one group to clean the facility after usage prior to another group accessing it. Following discussion of how that process might go, Tracy offered to draft up a plan for approval by the board with the goal of submission to the county.

Discussion followed concerning the request by the Community Resource Center to stage food distribution from the chamber building.

Sharon moved and Tracy seconded a motion to not allow this or other usages of the facility prior to the county opening at the Stage 4 level and the chamber's plan for safety protocols being accepted; and that the resource center's use be approved by the landlord because of its potential impact on this and his neighboring property, and on the wear and tear of the infrastructure of the building (for instance, running a freezer potentially impacting the wiring).

The board addressed the flag project, noting that the next installation would be June 14, Sunday, Flag Day. Susan and Sharon said they would take the morning shift at 5:30 a.m. and Tracy and Jim are to take the evening shift starting at 8 p.m. Tracy will post on the Rio Dell

Neighborhood Watch/Unplugged sites to see if anyone wants to assist in putting up/taking down the flags. Discussion included the potential for up to 40 more flags in Rio Dell, if funds permitted, as well as including Scotia in the flag project.

Susan said she has drafted a letter for submission to Humboldt Redwood Company to donate funds for the flags and that the Community Services District has it on the June 18 agenda to discuss expanding the flags into Scotia.

The board approved setting aside the balance of nearly \$3,000 in the food fund for seniors, since the city is suspending the food distribution efforts for now, pending a possible second wave of Covid-19 that might require additional support. Tracy moved, Sharon seconded.

The board approved up to \$200 to redo the sign at the base of the exit ramp in Scotia directing travelers to services in the two communities. Sharon moved and Tracy seconded the action; Jim will measure the existing sign, Ads Eureka (which produces the Avenue of the Giants decals) will produce the vinyl art and mount it on a board for attaching to the sign, after we approve the art.

Reports:

- The Otter Project is apparently on hold for now;
- Nick had the paperwork to fill out for CalTrans on lighting the bridge at Christmas;
- The idea of lighting the flags with solar lights won't work with the proposed application as the poles are the wrong diameter; additionally, there is fear of theft of the lights;
- Melissa is compiling the blurbs that would go on the flag pole plaques for Ferndale Jewelers to create;
- The City of Rio Dell is actively taking a role in nuisance violations such as houses needing painting so it seems that role will fall to them to hire a painter/bill the landlord, if it comes to that.
- The frames made for the arts district by the High Camp group at Weott which we are now free to repurpose, are at the Church of Christ on Second Street, according to Jim, and are large and heavy, requiring two people to lift; there are about 4 of them. Someone should see and measure them (how big is the area to put information in, etc.); what needs to be done (staining?) and what size are they, to decide where they should be placed – 2 each in Rio Dell and Scotia, or . . .?

Meeting adjourned 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, Secretary