

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

November 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by President Nick Angeloff. Present: Vice president Jim Brickley, Sharon Holt, Susan Pryor, Tracy O'Connell.

Susan confirmed that Humboldt Redwood would again provide the tree to be decorated and lit on the median in Rio Dell.

Nick reported that \$1,500 worth of lights arrived for holiday decorating and that the manlift was reserved for Nov. 21-22 (to arrive Nov. 20) for putting up the high decorations with the rest to be done the following weekend. Jim asked if the fire department would let us use the scissor lift.

Nick will speak to Shane and Josh at the fire department to see if there are plans for the parade – he had notified them of the decorating schedule with the hope some firefighters would participate.

It was announced that the Scotia fire department had donated six wooden holiday cut-outs.

Susan wondered if the Town of Scotia was going to continue to decorate since the shopping area was now sold to private owners . . . Nick asked her to look into that.

How to have a Covid-safe tree lighting was discussed. It was decided to encourage people to drive the town enjoying the lights and the new photographer, Sandi Peterson, could have a Santa and candy cane chute at her place in coordination if possible.

Putting the flags up for Veterans Day was discussed – they will go up at 6 a.m. and come down at 6:30 p.m. Tracy will contact the scouts and students/teacher who helped in the past.

Nick plans to build a flag rack over the winter.

Tracy will contact Brian at US Bank in Fortuna regarding funding opportunities to sponsor the sign at the Scotia off-ramp which is out of date and will cost about \$800 to be redone, depending on the style chosen.

The kiosks were discussed, regarding placement, cost, and images to be used. Sharon suggested doing both sides of one kiosk that would be placed perpendicular to the sidewalk in a location in Rio Dell such as Memorial or Triangle Park. Jim is to select photos and Nick will get

the output produced from an engineering firm with which he works. Up to \$600 was allocated for the Plexiglas, purchase of photo rights, cement and braces and other steps in erecting the completed kiosk. Sharon moved and Nick seconded the expenditure, which passed.

Susan is collecting photos for use in one or two kiosks in Scotia. The hope is that, seeing one, companies will sponsor a side in the remaining ones.

The upcoming renewals of advertising on the newsletter insert was discussed, since some of the businesses have not been able to function under Covid, some are hurting financially, and the newsletter has not been able to be delivered as widely as in the past due to businesses not allowing people inside because of the virus. Nick suggested granting three months' grace for those unable to pay.

It was decided to sell the flower bulbs for \$1/box during the time the decorations are being put up the weekend after Thanksgiving, from a table in front of the chamber office with a barrel for donations, self-service style.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, Secretary