

Meeting of the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Feb. 5, 2021

The meeting was held by phone. President Nick Angeloff called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.; those present included vice-president Jim Brickley, secretary Tracy O'Connell, and board members Sharon Holt and Susan Pryor.

Nick reported that the City of Rio Dell approved the submitted receipts for Christmas decoration expenses at the Feb. 2 meeting and wanted to have budget items in future years; the 2021 Christmas expenses will be under the budget developed in May 2021 so contact will be needed at that time to be sure this item is included.

Tracy suggested a review of the chamber's efforts for the year would be good to present to the city council so the members understood the scope of work being undertaken, such as the flags, kiosks, service persons' commemorative signage and more.

Jim reported on the kiosks, he will meet with Redwood Glass concerning the plexiglass protective covering needed and is in communication with Jim Garrison of the county historical society to get information to accompany the historical photos in the display. Nick said the city has not addressed the approval or placement of the kiosks to date.

Discussion turned to the commemoration of service people, in the form of banners with a photo and information of the person, to hang on existing hardware on city poles along Wildwood. Jim has spoken to a local professional photographer, Jim Box, who is willing to take studio-quality shots of service people or to work with submitted older photos to provide the needed quality to be used by Lotus Mountain, a firm in Fortuna, which is experienced in producing the banners. He has spoken to a member of the Masonic Lodge which manages the banner project in Fortuna and each completed banner from Lotus Mountain will cost \$150.

Discussion focused on the need to determine the expense Jim Box would charge to work with the photos, and the number of hardware brackets on the light poles, to establish how many banners could be done with the needed hardware before additional pieces were needed. Jim/Nick are to meet with Jim Box about the cost of the photographic work he would do, and determine the number of poles involved.

Another aspect was, how to determine which individuals could be part of the project. Nick suggested those who lived in Rio Dell or Scotia at the time they were in the service.

Nick said individual businesses should be asked to support the production of the banners. The sponsoring business can be named on the banner.

Sharon suggested launching the process with banners that salute veterans in general on one banner, fire fighters on another, health care workers on another on through police, teachers, etc. . . to be able to produce a full set of banners immediately and have a robust display, then fill in with the ones showing individual veterans as photos are submitted and produced.

The lighting of the Eagle Prairie Bridge as part of the 2021 Christmas display was discussed. Melissa will be asked to investigate the cost of liability insurance requested by Cal Trans to cover accidents on the bridge for which the lighting is claimed to be a cause.

Sharon moved and Nick seconded approving \$50 per school for scholarships for graduating Rio Dell and Scotia 8th graders for 2021. The motion passed. As in the past, teachers determine the recipient(s) – one or two individuals per school – based on scholarship, service, and civic awareness.

Sharon said the Wildwood Days committee would start planning meetings at the end of this month, but they will be in-person only.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, Secretary