

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Board

Minutes of November 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

Present: Nick Angeloff, president; Jim Brickley, vice-president; Heather Watkins, Tracy O'Connell, secretary. The meeting was rescheduled due to technical difficulties Nov. 5 when Susan Pryor and Sharon Holt were also present.

The board was reminded of the ribbon cutting Monday, Nov. 8 at noon at My Mother's Garden shop opening in the chamber office. Nick said he would leave the scissors and ribbon out but could not make it; Heather, Jim and Tracy said they planned to be there. (The event has been announced on Facebook and to the media.)

Nick said the flags would go up on Veterans Day at 6 a.m. and come down at 5:30 p.m. Those times will be announced on Facebook for volunteers. Jim said he had family members who would help with the veterans' salute display, so he is set.

Nick announced he has received \$3,000 in donations for holiday lighting and planned to request \$2500 from the city council as has been done in the past. If that is received, the group agreed more reindeer decorations on light posts would be a good addition to the display. Sun Belt Rentals in Fortuna has donated the lift for an extended time. The last two weekends of November are being promoted in the member email, newsletter, and other means for volunteers to help decorate.

The Dec. 4 tree lighting was discussed. Heather said she will contact Lisa Wilson about using the popcorn donated by the Kiwanis as refreshments. Tracy said John Coleman will be Santa and ride on the fire truck in the parade. She will ask the Baptist church members if they want to carol.

The house decorating contest was discussed. Heather agreed to head up the effort and will discuss it more with Jim and Tracy at the ribbon cutting. Tracy will give her access to the chamber's Facebook page.

The upcoming advertising and membership drives were discussed. Nick said he had not yet read the draft letters. Heather offered to work with Nick and Melissa to get Venmo to be an opportunity for people to pay their dues.

Jim said the next step on the kiosk was to sand off a bit of the leg and Nick said he had equipment such as a router and would do it.

The Marlene Snell plaque was completed and is in Nick's garage. He would like to see it mounted in a boulder rather than on a post as previously envisioned and will work on getting a boulder donated and the plaque set in it. Jim said a similar piece is needed in Memorial Park for the donated tree since the prior plaque was vandalized.

Jim said his wife would pick up a sympathy card for Eldon Whitehead on the occasion of his wife's passing and leave it at the chamber to be signed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, Secretary