

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

April 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Present: Jim Brickley, vice-president; Sharon Holt, Susan Pryor, and Tracy O'Connell, secretary. Jim was in person at the chamber and others were by phone.

Jim said he would work with others to put the statue back on the pedestal in the Wildwood Avenue median that was moved for Christmas decorations. He said he would discuss with Tim Marks getting the legs turned on the kiosk so that project could be completed, and also the Marks' possible solution for adjusting the thickness of the flag poles that would go in sidewalk mountings, based on the way the pole was fitted at Grundman's.

The mural was discussed; Nick has been in communication with the McLean Foundation but the status of that and the paperwork with the building owners was not known. Jim moved and Sharon seconded to pay the muralist the initial costs to date of \$250. The motion passed.

The issue of the use of the chamber facility was discussed. It is not known if steps have been taken to procure grant funds to create the drop-in work center that was envisioned would be in demand on a subscription basis. Jim and Sharon voiced doubt that there would be sufficient demand to cover the costs of rent and other expenses, especially with the need to hire a cleaning person to keep the place inviting with unknown numbers of people coming and going.

Members reviewed past ideas about how the chamber could operate without a physical base. Renting a garage in Scotia to store chamber equipment has been discussed; Susan said that would be about \$175/month. Other possible locations for storage/event space were discussed.

Members discussed the issue of getting a method of payment onto the website. Billy Joe had presented a plan, but the fear was it might be more complex than the chamber is up for if it requires someone to be trained in the system. Sharon asked how it is that cities and counties get people to pay their taxes and utility bills online and said she would check into how that works. Jim said he would ask Julia how she managed to get the payment system onto her web site.

The board addressed the need to procure a rock to mount the plaque honoring Marlene Snell that would reside in the park. A Fiberglas boulder that would be delivered free for \$167-ish was going to be cheaper than one that could require a crane and other machinery and staff to move and deliver. Jim moved and Sharon seconded the expenditure and the motion passed.

The board approved once again donating scholarships to students graduating from the 8th grade at Rio Dell and Scotia elementary schools. Each school will receive \$50 to award to one child or give two \$25 scholarships, as the schools prefer. Susan moved and Sharon seconded the motion, which passed.

Board members discussed the Wildwood Days parade. It was suggested the Jim Rich be named grand marshal in honor of his long time in the community as a business owner, and his service on so many fronts to area organizations. Susan will take that suggestion to the fire department at its next meeting about Wildwood Days.

Sharon said she would donate a sound system from Scotia Band to announce the parade, but it needs a microphone. Jim said he has a spare. Sharon and Jim are to make sure the mic works on the system.

Tracy said she would invite Michelle Bushnell to announce the parade.

Susan said she would line up judges as in the past and would like to see something different done with prizes for a change. She will contact Coast Central Credit Union to see if they will fund prizes, since the firm that has for several years did not do so last year.

Susan suggested giving first responders in the parade a coupon for a free ice cream cone at DJ's. She forwarded mockups of what that could look like. The chamber would reimburse DJs based on the number of coupons turned in.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, Secretary