

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce

Aug. 5, 2022 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by President Nick Angeloff. Also present were Jim Brickley, vice-president; Tracy O'Connell, secretary; and members Sharon Holt and Susan Pryor as well as mural artist Julia Fordyce.

The board discussed adjusting the payment for the mural to Julia due to adaptations she made which enabled more people to be included and more funds therefore brought in. Nick explained that the grant proposal to receive \$2,000 from the Humboldt Area Foundation required some information from Julia before it could be submitted but otherwise he anticipated the grant would be received which, added to the \$1400 additional funds that came to the project due to Julia's additional work, would total about \$3,400.

Nick moved and Jim seconded that this money would go to Julia to reflect the additional 100 or more hours the project has cost her because of the expansion of the number of faces included. The motion passed unanimously.

Julia anticipated being done with the mural in two weeks so a dedication date was set for noon, August 20 to which the city and those pictured on the mural would be invited.

Details around the next day's parade were reviewed. Nick said he, Susan and Tim and Melissa Marks would review locations in Scotia to put additional flags. Details about the installation of the set of four informational kiosks about area history were reviewed. Nick said the new owner of the Scotia Hospital will provide a shipping container for storage of six pallets of historic materials that need to be moved out of the building in advance of its overhaul to become a set of apartments. Nick asked the board to turn out August 11 to help move the materials if possible. Tracy is to contact Cal-Trans to begin planning for lighting the bridge this holiday season.

The board accepted member Heather Watkin's request for a leave of absence following an injury she sustained recently in a swimming accident. Discussion around membership included October being a time that new members are encouraged to join the board. If those do seek to join, there would be a vote among chamber members to determine the highest vote-winners.

The board agreed to have a community forum in early October to introduce candidates for public office such as the city council, community services district board, and Rio Dell and Scotia school boards, if more candidates seek office than there are openings.

Nick said that he and representatives of St. Joe's are trying to get their schedules together to discuss the possibility of the Community Resource Center renting the chamber space after he

provided them with a tour a couple weeks ago. Nick said if this happened we would be able to continue to offer community programs like the Christmas party, history talks, candidate debates and senior exercising as the resource center wants to be part of those activities. Nick then would no longer store his equipment at the chamber (because the resource center would need the space) and would no longer be paying a portion of the rent.

Nick moved and Sharon seconded to allow the resource center to rent the chamber space for \$600/month and half the utilities (water/sewer, gas/electric and garbage/recycling), to provide proof of insurance and supply their own phone/internet service, if the parties agreed.

It was decided to invite Lisa Fryrear from State Farm to the next board meeting to discuss our insurance coverage to increase our familiarity with the policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tracy O'Connell, Secretary