

# Rio Dell – Scotia Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

**May 5, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. Present: Nick Angeloff, president; Jim Brickley, vice-president; Tracy O’Connell, secretary; Susan Pryor; Amanda Carter, city council liaison; and guests Julie Woodall, Becky Giacomini, and Kiwanis members Dana Webb, Perdeda Rosenlund and Shannon Brasher.

The board approved scholarships for two graduating eighth graders from Rio Dell and from Scotia schools, to be selected by their teachers based on academics, civic-mindedness, service, citizenship and ethics. The amount was raised this year to \$50 per scholarship for total of \$200 for both schools, and Visa gift cards will be presented in lieu of checks, as was done in the past, as it caused a hardship for families without bank accounts to find a way to cash them. Nick moved and Jim seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion centered on gift items the board could purchase for distribution at an upcoming fundraiser at Scotia Lodge, Pints for Nonprofits, which will feature the chamber on July 21, and at future events as needed. Susan moved to expend up to \$300 for the purchase of 60 16-oz double-wall tumblers which will be imprinted with the chamber name. Nick seconded, and the motion passed. Susan will check with her contact Matt at Scotia Lodge to see if they have a poster format to use for consistency with their brand, to promote the event.

The board approved purchase of up to \$500 in materials and equipment to finalize the last two kiosks, including mounting the photos and purchasing the hardware to set the kiosk legs in concrete on the grass surfaces in which they will be placed. Susan moved and Nick seconded approval of the expenditure. Susan will work with Fabusco to set up an account if one does not exist for Jim to purchase the hardware.

It was announced that Humboldt Redwood Company donated \$250 for the Wildwood Days parade. Susan outlined the other businesses she has approached for donations for the actual prizes for the three categories of winners. Nick moved to authorize the use of the HRC money to purchase neckerchiefs for those in the parade to go with the western theme. Jim seconded, and the motion passed.

Tracy moved to accept the check register of monthly expenses for the chamber. Jim seconded and the motion passed. Tracy reported on the effort to follow up on heat pump rebates, suggested by the Redwood Coast Energy Agency. The contractor had not presented a bid yet so there was no indication of what the cost, pay-back period, or other associated aspects of the installation would be.

Nick said that the facility at 406 Wildwood is costing the chamber about \$150/month due to the energy costs. He suggested that these expenses could well balance out in the coming months and that it be watched until a year has passed with the usage at its present levels to see how

the expenses run. Among the factors cited in the chamber footing the cost at least for now were the many advantages to the community that the resource center offered with its presence there.

Following reports and informal discussion of aspects of the Wildwood Days parade such as the float, and the recruiting of other participants, the meeting adjourned as 12:54 p.m.

Later, two items of business were approved via email: accepting the offer of Susan to write the checks related to the chamber's role of fiscal sponsor in the earthquake recovery, and asking the credit union to accept the monthly check paid on a grant to the person seeking to cash it without requiring a chamber check-signer to approve each time. Tracy moved and Jim seconded in both cases, and the motions passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, Secretary