

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Board Minutes

October 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Jim Brickley, vice president. Also present were Gabe Smith, Susan Pryor, Jessica Davis for Sarah Reback, Tracy O'Connell, and Amanda Carter, mayor pro tem.

Those present reviewed the plans related to various aspects of chamber-managed holiday events.

Jim said Stop and Go Traffic was on for the Nov. 16-17 weekend to do the bridge.

Susan said the fire department again committed to the \$1,000 prize money for the decorating competition

Tracy said the paperwork had gone to Nick to sign and send on to Cal Trans and the CCC were requested to help.

Jim mentioned the trees in Memorial Park were already wrapped with lights so that would be a lot less work than some years.

Those present discussed the home and business decorating competition, what dates should be set for signups and judging and the awarding of prizes. Amanda will meet with Mavis who is doing the technology part, to discuss any proposed changes to last year's process and send them to the board.

There was enthusiasm for an event marking the 60th anniversary of the 1964 flood. Jim said he would make inquiries regarding holding it at Scotia Lodge, whether Jerry Rohde would speak and what he might ask in compensation, and what Sandra Close would ask for catering the event. Suggested dates were Sat., Dec. 21 or Sat., Dec. 28 in the afternoon.

Susan said the museum might have a copy of the video that could be shown, and some pictures and artifacts to display. Tracy said Michael McClimon was involved in the filming and might speak. Amanda said it would be great to get survivors of the event to be present and share memories. Various ways to promote through traditional and other media were suggested. Amanda suggested that would be our annual meeting to invite people to and have a table for chamber member renewals and signups.

Tracy had suggested that organizations which support the chamber through ads in the newsletter or on the Ave. of the Giants sign and various pro-bono ways be included in the membership list as supporters.

The financial report was approved, with Jim moving and Gabe seconding acceptance of it.

Tracy said Jessica Davis was interested in laying out the chamber newsletter and Harry had said he didn't know how much longer he would be up to doing it. Those present, while appreciating and honoring Harry, were in favor of letting Jessica do the layout going forward.

The need to get the Scotia flag poles in the ground before Veterans Day and the start of the rainy season was discussed. Susan said the Scotia CSD staff would get the holes for those flags in by Veterans Day.

Gabe, Jim and Amanda planned to get together after the meeting to move the fourth kiosk from the chamber storage area to Root 101. Amanda texted a friend who might be able to do the needed routing of the legs on the kiosk.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell