

Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting
Minutes of February 8, 2022

Attendance: Gina Haley-Morrell, Robbie McCoy, Candy Christiance, John Tribolet, Annie Molnar, Heather Blake, Matt Michel, Cole Haselip. **ABSENT:** Carolyn Heckler

1. Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm by President Gina Haley-Morrell

2. Public Speaking: None

3. Secretary Report: Spelling corrections – File for audit.

4. Treasurer Report: Date correction – File for audit.

5. Committee Update:

A. Membership: Carolyn - absent. Joy Cart opened where Y Cook was - we need to reach out.

B. Meet & Greet: Annie, Heather & Ellen:

1. Open House/After Hours - Wisteria: Went well, Robert was happy, people trickled in, nice refreshments, he wants to support local school teams.

2. Chamber After Hours: Robbie - March at the Chamber, John wants to do April at Grateful Graffix.

3. Luncheon: Matt- 3/9 @ ODB, one person from ODOT and 2 from DOWL will be there to talk about 126 project.

C. DSA: Robbie - Forms went out last week, meeting next Tuesday 4:30

D. Chili Cook-Off: Robbie - meeting next Tuesday.

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Online Payments for events: Robbie - Michael suggested SQUARE w/unit, approximately \$400 - includes machine & supplies.

B. Small Business Saturday: Annie - table until March, after seminar.

7. New Business:

A. Visitor Center Coordinator position - 1 resume received from Vicki Piva. Gina suggested offering her the position as she was the only one that applied, and she is very qualified. Candy motioned to hire her, Robbie seconded, All in favor, none opposed.

B. Budget: Presented. Annie asked if bank charges include credit card processing, Robbie answered, yes.

C. Signature Event committee: Form committee to put together a signature event for the Chamber. Robbie, Gina, Candy, Annie, Heather, Carolyn, and John all agreed to be on it.

D. Botanic Fest sponsorship: Annie - the board agreed to sponsor (use of Chamber logo in advertising) for 2020, which was canceled, can we sponsor for 2022? Board will sponsor as previously agreed on.

8. City Updates: **MATT *Budget calendar coming for Council meeting on Monday. *In contact with Pharmacists that want to open a Pharmacy, toured through town, need 1500sq.ft. *Sanipac will be sharing their annual report. **COLE** *Veneta Celebration Run will be May 14th, starting at 9am from Bolton Hill Sports Complex, 10k / 5k / Kids run. There is a meeting 2/9, 9am at city hall, looking for committee volunteers. This is a fundraiser for city parks. William with Eclectic Edge will help with the courses. *Business Retention & Expansion interviews have started. *The Foundry is hosting Marketing training tonight at 6pm at the Fern Ridge Service Center. *Marketing of Rescue Grants program - need help getting the word out.**

9. Correspondence: Unemployment letter - addressed by the board.

10. Good of the order: *Blooms on Broadway - Robbie will be sending out Sponsorship Letters.* Jeff w/Travel Lane County - Survey open for funding, will be emailing info about "Champion World Hosts".

11. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 8th, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm

Minutes prepared by Secretary Heather Blake.