Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce

Board Meeting

Minutes from April 12th, 2022

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

1. Meeting called to order at 3:02pm
2. Public Speaking : None
3. Secretary Report : no corrections noted – filed for audit
4. Treasurer Report : no corrections noted – filed for audit
5. Committee Update :
   1. Membership: Carolyn has reached out to Joy Cart, McCall Heating, Heartfelt Treasures, Coastal Range Water, and Lock and Adventures Guild. No new members as of meeting. Carolyn and Robbie are working on a new folding one page design for the New Members Brochure.
   2. Meet & Greet: added Candy to the committee.
      1. Open House: Grateful Graffix open house scheduled for April 20th @ 6pm. Vicki is working on the the announcement to go out in the next newsletter.
      2. Annie will reach out to Havenroot about what the Chamber can do for them for an afterhour’s event. Their Facebook event is different from the Chamber’s After Hours event.
      3. Brought to the board’s attention that Annie no longer has access to the Chamber’s Facebook page as an admin for the page. Much discussion around this and it has been decided that Vicki will continue to manage the page as that is part of her job description.
   3. Luncheon: Next Luncheon June 8th at Our Daily Bread at noon.
      1. Matt will reach out to Travel Lane County & Oregon Country Fair to see if they’re available to come.
         1. Lunch and Learn: the Chamber would like to try and partner with the City. No future event has been planned at this time, it was a one time lunch. May revisit doing another Lunch and Learn in the future. It was found to be useful and beneficial. Approximately 10 attendees.
   4. DSA: Most organizations participated this year, TSP unfortunately did not this year. Final meeting is April 12th after the Chamber meeting. Awards Ceremony April 14th 7pm. 50/50 raffle ticket money will go to Mid Lane Cares. Gina will service wine, all proceeds will go to Mid Lane Cares.
   5. Chili Cook Off: Judges, country singer, and Samba Ja are locked down for this year, and 90% on traveling tavern. Working on getting contestants for the head to head cook offs.
   6. Blooms on Broadway: Will get back on track with this after DSA is over. We are just over ½ of the baskets sold. Baskets will be starting to get hung up Mid May.
   7. Signature Event: Summer Solstice in the Park 2023 – looking into working with the city pool in coordinating with their event. Gina will look into reserving the City Park.
6. Unfinished Business:
   1. Online Payments: Square machine is here and ready for payments!
7. New Business : Accept Heather’s resignation
   * 1. Carolyn made a motion to accept, John 2nd the motion. All in favor, no one opposed.
     2. No current members to fill position. Chamber will invite Lori back as secretary, if she is willing and available.
8. City of Veneta Updates: 2 4th graders from VES won the “If I were the Mayor” contest. \* 90/30 Awareness month. \* Joint EDC & City Council meeting for budget items hopefully in the next couple weeks. Also will address Pop Ups and Shop Fern Ridge, to see what the value is in it at this time. \* Finance Director Position available. \* City approved the Rescue Veneta Program – 1st batch up to $11250.00. The program was amended to include Franchise & Chain businesses that were previously not eligible. \* The City is in the process of upgrading the website to be more accessible in the coming fiscal year. \* Intergovernmental agreement with Lane County Sherriff’s office for 4 deputies and 1 part time sergeant. \* 10week entrepreneur class – 8 people started 1st week of April. Will do another session in the 2nd ½ of the year. \* Possible expansion at the Community Center to add a culinary lab, training location, meeting place/networking. \*
9. Good of the Order: DSA meeting and Signature event held after chamber meeting.
10. Next Meeting: Tuesday May 10th, 2022.
11. Adjourned : 4:01pm