Veneta Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting
Minutes of September 13, 2022

Attendance: Robbie McCoy, Gina Haley-Morrell, Candy Christiance, Lori DiDomenico, John Tribolet,
Guest: Matt Michel, Cole Haselip
Absent: Annie Molner

1. Meeting called to order at 3:02 by President Gina Haley-Morrell
2. Public Speaking: N/A
3. Secretary Report: presented and filed for audit.
4. Treasurer Report: presented, Robbie noted the Emporium are no longer chamber members for nonpayment of membership dues. Filed for Audit.
5. Committee Reports:
Membership: Robbie noted Temper and Mo are new members.
Meet & Greet: Vicki noted the Red Barn after hours event went well. Great turn out from the community around 20 people. Red Barn owners very pleased.
Luncheon: Gina is unavailable to facilitate the Luncheon. Matt is going to step in for Gina. Candy will open with introductions and closing statements for the Chamber and this includes the announcement of the upcoming events i.e., Tour of Lights and the Holiday Bazaar.
Chili Cookoff: Lori noted that the Chili Cookoff was successful. Robbie noted there were long lines to make purchases and the beer garden came out in a positive. Lori will create a feedback poll to send out to contestants and judges as per Gina.
Signature Event: Gina noted that Summer Solace is tabled for now. Gina suggested that the Chamber may want to take over the Chili Cookoff after hours event in the future.
Halloween Tour of Lights: Candy created a time line with the committee. Lori is to reach out and ask for sponsorship from local utilities in the amount of $250.
Holiday Bazaar: Gina noted the Holiday Bazaar will be on November 18th, 19th. Gina will share any new vendor centers.
6. Unfinished Business: Vicki is working on getting a digital passport service here at the Chamber of Commerce. There is not enough information to report at this time.
7. New Business: N/A
8. TMP/VCC: N/A
9. City Updates: Matt noted that talks for the reconfiguration of city hall are still ongoing. The intent is to have an adjacent building for the LCSO. Matt also noted the city was going to meet with the stake holders of the E Bolton Project. They will review a rough draft and eventually put it out to the community for feedback. Cole noted that the business retention survey is coming soon. Urban renewal agency is taking a look at their toolkit. Redevelopment of the attic is still going on. Received was a 50,000 grant from Business Oregon. The goal is to help with entrepreneurship focusing on the food industry. City is going request a consultant to help with broadband mapping systems. Cole also noted that it is an election year. There are 2 open seats on City Counsel. Three applicants on ballot.
10. Good of the Order: Robbie mentioned that she has gotten permission from the city to do a “Honor a Veteran” project that would include hanging an American flag with a sponsorship attached to replace the hanging flower baskets down town. Robbie also suggested we have a small parade for Veterans Day, still working on this.
11. Next meeting on October 11, 2022.
12. Meeting Adjourned: 3:42pm.