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

Attendance: Gina Haley Morrell, Robbie McCoy, Candy Christiance, Lori DiDomenico, John Tribolet, James Palmer.

Guest: Matt Michel, Cole Haselip

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3::02 by President Gina Haley-Morrell
2. Public Speaking: N/A
3. Secretary Report: Presented, filed for audit.
4. Treasurer Report: Presented, Gina noted a change to be made on the P&L adding the word “Halloween” to differentiate Tour of Lights since we have 2 separate events. Noted, and filed for audit.
5. Committee Reports:
Membership: Robbie noted we had 2 new members join in December.
Meet & Greet: Gina mentioned the next meet & greet will be hosted by West Lane Charter School in January 2023.
Luncheon: Quarterly luncheon tomorrow 12/14. Guest speakers will be Mid Lane Cares covering several of their programs and how the community can partner up with local agencies.
Tree Lighting: Candy noted the Tree Lighting event was the most successful one to date. 400+ came out to celebrate. Hot chocolate went fast could use more at next year’s event.
Light Parade: Robbie noted there were 38 applicants. Good extensions. Lori passed out flyers a few days prior to community/businesses that were part of the extensions. Placement PSA to go out today per Vicki. Robbie noted there is to be a post meeting today at 4:30p. Matt mentioned the winners will be noted in the City’s monthly newsletter.
Tour of Lights: Gina noted the event is live now to registrants. Only 2 so far have registered. Possibly going to extend the registration deadline.
6. Unfinished Business: Robbie noted that our telephone system is dated (2007). The company no longer makes replacement parts. Jodi at ATT to provide a proposal of order. More to come with decisions.
7. New Business: Signature Event: Gina noted she is currently working on this project. Monthly Lunch & Learn via Zoom: Gina is working on this with Vicki. Increase in membership 5% annually: Gina suggested an open floor for sharing chamber goals and thoughts. More to come. Christmas decoration sponsorship: Gina suggested a sponsor for this event could be like the “sponsor a flag ” event. A sponsor could pick what they would want to sponsor, i.e., decoration, a theme, etc. Still working out logistics. Rob noted the park board may decorate trees around the city next year.
8. TPM/VCC: Gina noted she would be sending out the reports once our computer system comes back up.
9. City Updates: Matt noted Tom Cotter on the City Council has attended his last CC meeting. Robbie McCoy has been reelected to her seat, and Alexa Benson has been appointed to the remaining seat. Bringing resolutions to the CC meeting on Jan 9 to talk about a purposed rate increase of water rates (3%) sewer rates (2%). If the increase passes the funds will go to enlarging the waste water plant. Cole: Business retention report is in and results to come soon. Still working on broadband systems. Beginning phase to start now. WLC to get a new sign above the entry. Window décor is part of the project. Left over funds are still available for covid grant relief to businesses.
10. Good of the Order: N/A
11. Next meeting Tuesday, January 10 2023
12. Meeting adjourned at 3:46pm