Oregon Chamber of Commerce board Meeting

Minutes: March 15, 2023

**Attending**: Randee Mennenga, Michelle Correno, Donna Mann, Rob Gieralkowski, Jeff Bold, Terry Schuster, Merlin Hagemann, Deb Fane

Call to order: 8:37 a.m.

Review and approval of minutes: Jeff B. moved to approve, Rob G. 2nd. Unanimous approval by voice vote.

Treasurer’s report (approval of credit card statement, monthly report, approval of bills):

* No report

Ongoing business:

1. Membership status, past due notices:
   1. Discussion regarding what to do about businesses with past due balances; esp. OCB and Bela’s
   2. Randee will email past due notices
2. Board vacancy:
   1. Three candidates have filed to fill one position. All appear to be good candidates.
      1. Chris Chapman – Rustic Ridge
      2. Neal Trainer – Park District (fitness center coordinator)
      3. Robert Coulter - VFW
   2. Merlin H. moved, and Donna M. seconded motion to amend by-laws to add two seats to board membership.
      1. Approved unanimously by voice vote.
      2. The **Board now has 11 seats.**
   3. Motion by Rob G., seconded by Merlin H. to approve the three applicants.
      1. Unanimous approval by voice vote.
3. Committee reports: None
4. Fundraiser report/updates:
   1. **Shamrock the Town** fundraiser: 37 tickets sold (150 were budgeted). **Seems to be lower interest this year. Q: Is it just too easy for anyone to just jump into the festivities without buying ticket?? There also seems to be a lack of engagement/incentive for bar owners and managers to actively sell tickets.**
      1. We had purchased materials for 200 packets. We will return any unused items which we can.
5. Administrative support position: Welcomed Deb Fane. It is understood that **she will work 12-15 hours per week… flexibly, depending on when needed.**
6. Emerging Leaders Recap/event:
   1. Will be held last week of March or first week of April
   2. Invite the 15, plus any interested public.
7. CGI promotional video: No new information
8. Strategic Plan review: No report

New business

1. Mother’s Day brunch.
   1. Donna described format, location, tickets, prices, etc. She has already done most of preparation.
   2. Committee recommended to approve and move forward, Rob G. seconded. Unanimous approval by voice vote.
2. Cinco de Mayo (Friday, 5/5/23)
   1. Proceeds this year are going to Chamber of Commerce
   2. **Need Chamber members to help**
3. By-Laws.
   1. **Donna will review and make board packet with by-laws**.
4. **Byron Fest.**
   1. **Yes, we will participate. 20 shifts across July 7, 8, 9.**
   2. **Individuals can take multiple shifts.**

Executive Director Report – see Director’s report

Board member comments

* Jeff B. announced Mt. Morris will host a ‘meet the candidate’ forum 0n 3/23/23 @ Pinecrest theatre

Other items: None

Adjournment: 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Schuster