

WENDELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MINUTES

February 10, 2016

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The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by President Paula Simerly with Fifteen members and seven guests in attendance.

Board meeting held 2-8-16, minutes attached

Treasurer Report - None

Paula opened the meeting, foregoing minutes/treasurer report. Straight to business, after all had introduced themselves. Paula had asked Lon Egbert with Wendell Physical Therapy to speak.

He is very happy to be here in Wendell, his building is nearing completion, and he will have 2500 sq. ft. for therapy. And an additional side of the building is available for lease, and will be finished to suit.

He accepts all insurance, including Medicare. You do not need to be referred to come and see him. There will not be the big machines when you do come in, his way of thinking is to show you how to use items you will have at home. He is also a physical trainer (volunteer for over 20 years) with many of the area schools.

He will keep the therapy office in Jerome open as well. He can offer businesses an analysis of their working conditions.

February speakers

Jim Benson representing the Legion spoke on the Wreaths across America Program. He is also the Service officer for Gooding County and Post #41 Wendell, he can and does assist veterans, widowers, or families to get the benefits due them from the Veterans Admin.

Cindy Scott – Headstart spoke about April is Abuse awareness month. Many businesses have partnered with them to display the pinwheels. The little people 3-5 year olds plant them at the City office during that month. Please contact Cindy if you or your business would like to be involved in this.

Betty Rice – Chairperson for a senior fundraiser – One Night Concert featuring Ernie Sites Sat March 12th. Please contact Betty for tickets prices are \$15 a person, \$25 couple, \$7 12 & under. Under 2 kids are free. 404-4040 for more information. Proceeds benefit the Wendell Senior Center.

Lavern Sliva – Wendell Senior Center spoke on the senior/community center and provided a tour.

They are in need of Board members, and a Site Manager. Lavern can be contacted at 544-0085.

They are now able to have a place for card/pool table events. A thrift store will be open possibly 3 days a week once they get the ok on the Fire Sprinkler system. The rental rates are as follows: Chapel \$250.00 for 4 hrs. Dining hall \$250.00 for 4 hrs. Other smaller rooms for \$35.00 the kitchen is not for rent. Best to have your events catered. The recently received a grant of 120 chairs from Kings. It was suggested to have the contact information available to both the Chamber and City website.

The city will hold a Public Hearing Meeting Feb 18 6:45 PM. The seniors are trying for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant for \$150,000 this would be used to purchase the building. Lavern thanked Mark Bolduc for working with the senior's to give them chance to get into the building. Paula mentioned if you have any future events be thinking of this facility.

Paula mentioned not much will be discussed/handled at the business meeting in regards to Dairy Days, as this is being handled at the Monday Chamber Board meetings. If you are feeling left out or have a desire to assist with planning & working of Dairy Days you are invited to attend. Sharon Bettencourt will assist with the scholarship fundraising. Paul Isaacson is assisting with the park map and setup. Luann will be chairing the scholarships again this year. Still have areas available for garbage and help with the layout, and events at the park. Paula wants to be prepared and be ahead of the event. Many of the forms are being updated, and all will be on the

Chamber website. Jan Gooding is maintaining the website once again for the Chamber. Remember to get your business card in to Becky Shubert in Gooding, in Wendell Paula or Becky to be added to the website. Thank you to all who attended, and continue to work for the chamber.

Just a reminder are your dues paid?

Receiving emails ok?

Do you have any items to donate to the Welcome Bags?

No further business meeting adjourned at 1:00PM

Next meeting will be March 9th at the Wendell Senior & Community Center. Cost of lunch is \$8.50

Submitted, *Becky Allred, Secretary*