

WENDELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MINUTES

March 9, 2016

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The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Paula Simerly with Eleven members and three guests in attendance.

Board meeting held 3-7-16, minutes attached (Please Note: May Board meeting will be move to May 2nd.)
Treasurer Report - None

Paula opened the meeting updating everyone one the decision from the recent Board meeting, many were unable to attend. Gary and Paula were present and made the following recommendations; regarding **Dairy Days** the garbage/porta potty contract was given to Western Waste Service it is double the cost of PSI but we should receive better service. We will be using event boxes for garbage containers they hold approx. 30 gal bags, which should make for a more manageable control of garbage. Also they will clean and restock the porta potties Saturday morning. / We will not be using the park restrooms for Dairy Days.

Luann and Carol are sending out the scholarship forms to the various area High Schools. A follow up call may be made as to touch base with the Counselors on getting information out to the students.

The park map has been revised and will be on the website, as is most other information needed for vendors, etc. Saturday breakfast the American Legion has offered to serve this year.

Chamber **Easter Egg Hunt** will be Sat Mar 26 11 AM at McGinnis. Simerly's and chamber will supply the eggs. Deloris from the Sr Ctr will boil; Safehaven residents will color; Fire Dept. will hide the eggs. Luann will be in charge of the prizes again. The chamber will purchase plastic eggs as well. IF anyone has a group/organization that would like to take on this event, please contact Paula. [As you can see it takes a village to put on this event]

The chamber had donated \$1,000.00 to the Wendell Senior Center in hopes other chamber members would match that donation. Simerly's also donated \$1,000.00. Lavern accepted the **\$2,000.00 donation** for the Center. He thanked the chamber and was very appreciative of the generous donation. Cindy Scott mentioned that even as individuals can give. **Would your business like to match?**

Lavern mentioned the Thrift Store is now open. They are serving 2 meals weekly. Meals to veterans are available as well. The center is available for rent for weddings/reunions, etc. He estimated the monthly cost of operation for the center to be \$2,500.00.

Judy Erdman with Helping Hearts and Hands, spoke on the **Gooding Relay for Life** it will be a daytime event this year June 11th at the Gooding Fairgrounds, please see attached flier for information as well as the Poker Run to be held 6/4. (It was mentioned that Wendell could be a location in the future for the Relay and could have in conjunction with Dairy Days, as we continue to be on the same date year after year.)

March Speaker – Nora Wells with **Vision Hospice** spoke on the Veteran to Veteran program. Their 4 Star program of honoring veterans and their families. They will again have the Vietnam Veteran Appreciation motorcycle ride this June 11th as well. Possibly 100 or more motorcycles coming through Wendell, they were trying to get them here in time for the Dairy Day parade. A fundraiser event will be held March 30 concluding on April 2 at the Monastery in Jerome. (See attached flier)

REMINDERS: dues paid? Receiving emails ok? Business cards submitted? Welcome bag items?
No further business meeting adjourned at 1:10PM

Next meeting will be April 13th at the Wendell Senior & Community Center. Cost of lunch is \$8.50
Submitted, *Becky Allred, Secretary*