

WENDELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MINUTES

May 11, 2016

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The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by President Paula Simerly with Thirteen members and three guests in attendance.

Dairy/Board meeting held 5/2/16, minutes attached

➤ **PLEASE NOTE DAIRY MTG NEXT 3 MONDAYS! Noon Simerly's (excluding Memorial day)**
Treasurer Report - None

Paula opened the meeting with introductions Sonya Haines with Wright Physical therapy she mentioned they are happy to be in Wendell, will be holding an open house in the near future. Opening day will be Mon May 16th.

Dale Ewersen who is running on the Republic Ticket for State Senator against Michelle Stennett. Remember to Vote May 17th!

A brief update on **Dairy Days**; Theme "Have a Dairy Good time" Dates are June 9-11 with the parade on Saturday. Grand Marshall this year is Donna and Louis Pence. Entertainment will be Braun's, Sweet County Air, Space Hat and Mr. Cappy.

We have a sign-up sheet for chamber members to work the chamber booth all three days.

May Speaker – Wendell Mayor – Lori Swainston spoke on growth of city, new businesses, and the benefit of the Senior Center to the community. 7/2 is the City's Annual Independence Day celebration. The kindergarten kids will be touring the city, and will be voting on the Movie for that event. Library will have a summer reading program, and will be serving free lunch to the younger children. Dog holding Facility will soon be handed over to the city, with just a few more items. Stephanie Hendrix is the animal control officer. Downtown Revitalization (street lights, sidewalks) will be looked at again. Sewer project next phase is to fix the old pipes in the city. Lori invited the public and citizens to the council meeting, especially if you have concerns so they may be addressed. Mentioned Helen is the new ditch rider still being trained by Lou, there is a problem with a broken pipe so not the entire town has received irrigation water yet. The group had various questions for her from junkie cars to weed.

Greg Lowe thanked all who had previously helped the school with the survey; they were able to obtain a grant of \$179,000 a year for 5 years for and after school program. They now have a groundkeeper on staff April – September.

Thomas Mattice mentioned that the Memorial flags will be placed in the cemetery 5/27. With the annual Memorial Day programs at the cemetery 11AM and at the Veterans park at Noon. With a BBQ being served at the Legion afterwards. All are invited, this is free, and donations are accepted. Tom also mentioned that the Boy Scouts #95 dutifully put out the flags for every Patriot Holiday. They may approach your businesses for a \$50.00 donation for this. Of which the Legion gives back to the Boy Scouts 95%. If you are a new business and need a flag holder and flag, please contact one of the Legion members.

No further business meeting adjourned at 1:06PM

NO JUNE MEETING, See you at Dairy Days, remember to sign up for the booth, contact Becky

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