**Board Meeting Minutes**

**7/5/2023**

**Present:** Donna Molvik, Jason Totland, Joe Onley, Lori Stratton, Jackie Bilaski, Kathy Fazendin, Sue Mauro

* **Old Business**
  + Approve text votes -No text votes needed approval.
  + Approve last meetings minutes – Minutes from the last meeting were not available so no approval was done.
* **New Business**
  + Deliverables for membership – Ideas shared were:

1. Create our own map and distribute or pay to have the Miner include our ideas on the city map they produce
2. Offer hanging flyers
3. Welcome new members shared via the eBlast
4. Welcome new members shared on the reader board at the VC
5. Update the outdated membership directory
6. Place maps at the EV station
   * General Meeting 7/12 at 6pm, Ruby Creek Resort
     + Who to cater? – Jason will check with Mellanie’s vs using a North County restaurant or bringing catered food from Newport
     + The date was moved up one week – Joe and Donna will not be able to attend

* **Committee Updates**
  + Financial Committee
    - Treasurers Report
      * IRS status – Kathy reported that the IRS application was submitted the end of May. She has searched the website for an update and found nothing so will place a call to the IRS. Jason noted that Innovia Foundation will not award the grant money until the IRS status is approved.
      * Kathy shared a written report. A $600 payment was paid to the IRS, Kathy said that several membership renewals were mailed out and only a few have been returned. It was pointed out that since Covid, we have done a poor job following up on renewals. Jason suggested having Lynette call members that have not paid yet. The bank account balance as of the end of June is $11,957.10 with income of $2,645.00 and expenses of $776.61.
  + Membership Committee – No report was given
  + Nominating Committee – No report was given
    - 9 of 11 members
  + Marketing Committee – No report was given but there was discussion about spotlighting a business weekly on social meeting and also having the VC ladies create a master spreadsheet of all businesses in the Greater Newport Area.
  + Technology Committee
    - EV update - The EV contract expires the end of September. Joe reported that he found out that the Chamber is not allowed to charge. He suggested placing an advertising sign up and said the PUD would most likely agree to that. The cost for the Chamber of sponsoring the EV charging station is $70 a month ($840 a year). There were 57 chares in May and 17 unique users. There was discussion about how this is tracked. It was suggested to place a QR code at the charging site to advertise the Chamber. At the August meeting, the board can decide on whether to continue the charging station sponsorship or not.
    - Calendar is “up” and being updated – Jason shared what the new online calendar looks like. He said it continues to need quite a bit of work. Still needed are descriptions for all events. Jason said he will review it with Lynette.
    - Membership directory is working, but needs replaced/updated – Currently the directory shows businesses placed in categories. Several businesses no longer exist or are not paid members.
  + Visitor Center Committee - 7days, 9am-4pm
    - Looking for ideas to fund our Chamber Admin
      * STCU Grant – This grant is now available and being applied for.
  + Special Events Committee
    - Gala
      * Jackie,Kathy,Rori
      * There was discussion about the Circle Moon and the Priest River Center being too far away. The Edgewater was suggested. Kathy volunteered to call them for information about possible use.
* 4th of July
* Jason pointed out that there is nothing local in Newport for the 4th of July. Folks go to either Diamond Lake or to the Kalispel Fireworks display.
* Rodeo
* Jason noted that the Rodeo Assn brings in a small carnival. The Chamber used to pre-purchase tickets and sell them to help finance bringing in a larger carnival.
* Plumbing and electrical needs at the Visitors Center
* Stateline plumbing is not responding to calls for plumbing questions. Jason will talk to Lynette to determine what the electrical needs are.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Owen Mauro

**Next meeting: General Meeting 7/12/23 at 6pm, Ruby Creek Resort, Ruby Washington**