

**Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce
Annual Membership
Board Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2023, 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

Attendees:

Christy Duncan – President
Shelly Larson – Vice President via zoom
Tawny Miller – Treasurer/Secretary
Lagea Mull – Executive Director
Karla Hogan
Blake Manley
Wendi Melcher
Vance Monroe
Mark Opperman
Kevin Van Cleave – *excused absence*
Jo Ann McQueary – Chamber member via zoom

Call to Order

Christy called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Annual Membership Meeting

Christy welcomed Chamber members in attendance and introduced the Board of Directors.

Executive Director 2022 Report

Lagea Mull reported that 2022 membership ended at 115. For 2023, 62 members have already renewed with 53 outstanding. She shared the transition of ChamberMaster is moving along. In 2022, there were a total of 17 networking events: 12 Coffee with Colleagues and 5 Business After Hours. The three major tourism events were Cut the Gut, Sportsman's Holiday and the Parade of Lights, which had a 19% increase in entries. 2022 community events included the Christmas Lights Distribution, Christmas Yard Cards, Long Road Team Welcome Event and new business ribbon cuttings.

Slate of Directors

Christy presented the following slate of directors for term renewals:

Christy Duncan 2023-2025

Karla Hogan 2023-2025

Wendi Melcher to replace Paula Newman 2022-2024

Tawny Miller to replace Marlene Petersen 2022-2023

Vance Monroe to replace Cooper Whitman 2022-2024

Blake Manley to replace Trisha Van Eck 2022-2023

Blake shared that he has been offered a position in Idaho, but plans to remain on the board through the spring.

VOTE: Wendi moved to accept the slate of directors as presented. Shelly seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion passed without objections or abstentions.

Minutes

There were no changes recommended for the December 15, 2022 minutes.

VOTE: Wendi moved to accept the December 15, 2022 minutes as presented. Blake seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion passed without objections or abstentions.

Financial Report

Tawny presented the Financial Report. The financials from Koopman Consulting were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. She gave the following bank statement balances as of today - Umpqua Savings: \$7,309.00 Umpqua Checking: \$14,944.37 and Key Bank Restricted Scholarship Fund: \$13,944.32. Also, the current balance of the SBA-EIDL Loan is \$13,249.20.

Ambassadors Committee Report

Karla reported they held a ribbon cutting for Shoppe of Wonders.

Banquet Committee Report

Lagea reported that the theme is Welcome to Wonderland. She also noted that next year will be the 80th Annual Banquet so we need to make it special. This year's banquet will be held March 11th at the Sweet Home Boys & Girls Club. Nominations are currently being accepted.

Budget Committee

No report

Christmas Committee Report

No report

Sportsman's Holiday Report

No report

Sportsman's Princess Committee Report

Karla shared the informational parent meeting is scheduled for February 22nd. Applications will be available soon and due February 24th. Interviews are scheduled for the week of March 6th with the court announcement scheduled to be made on March 10th.

Nominating Committee

No report

Other Business

Blake will be scheduling another Career Fair and is looking for dates in April. His goal is to fill the Boys & Girls Club with employers to meet with the students.

Wendi shared that there will a Boys & Girls Club Auction in Sweet Home in October or November.

Karla announced the Sweet Home Community Foundation should be opening the 2023 grant cycle in mid-February.

Lagea shared that she has been invited to sit on the board of the newly formed Linn Economic Development Group. She asked if the Board would support that appointment and the Board agreed her involvement would benefit the community.

Karla gave an update on Cut the Gut. A community member is working on having a burn out pit while the Oregon Jamboree might host a drive-in movie showing of American Graffiti.

Lagea also shared that the Sweet Home Fire District (SHFD) would like to hand off the responsibility of the Sportsman's Holiday fireworks show. The Board requested a meeting with the SHFD and the City to discuss further.

Adjourn

Christy adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tawny Miller
Secretary/Treasurer

Lagea Mull
Recorder