

Cascade Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
12/12/2017

Number of people in attendance: 8

Meeting called to order at 12:07

- The acceptance of minutes will be pushed to next week as there were not enough board members present.
- Sharon reported on the Treasurer's report that was provided to her by Scotty. Scotty should provide a report with more breakdown shortly. The account activity is as follows:
 - Checking account on November 1st: \$8,215.11
 - Deposits: \$813.26
 - Expenses: \$1,876.41
 - Savings: \$16,059.86
 - Interest: \$.69
 - Current total of accounts: \$23,212.51
 - It was suggested by Bobbie that the chamber should have an annual budget so that the reports we receive can reflect if we are staying on budget. The members present agreed. It was suggested that once a budget is set, it can be used to project financial standing in future years. With a budget and financial projection, we could plan to commit funds to projects.
- Jenni reported that the city approved to put Christmas lights up. Jenni will connect with Jack to get the lights from the American Legion. Jenni has already secured a bucket lift and operator to trim the trees in preparation for the lights. The city and Steven Hull will assist in blocking off and supervising the job to ensure safety.
- Jenni reminded the membership that Snowshoe Golf will be taking place January 20th. Each participant should plan on bringing two "clubs" (clubs do not have to be golf clubs). Teams are made up of 5 individuals and the cost is \$10 per person. Check out the Chamber website for more information.
- The Cascade Aquatic and Recreation Center has the following dates coming up:
 - December 21st: Kid's Night Out, an opportunity for kids to come and have fun while parents take a break! Kids will swim with lifeguards then come inside for Christmas themed activities and dinner. Kids are welcomed to stay from 4 to 8 pm. Cost is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Dinner is included.
 - Discover Scuba classes will take place on February 18th. Discover Scuba is an opportunity to learn about scuba, get introduced to the gear, and go under water using the equipment. This class will not go towards a Scuba certification, it is meant to introduce scuba and give people the opportunity to decide if pursuing certification is right for them.
 - December family day will take place on December 30th. More information to come.
- Brian reported that the Horizons meeting took place and the board members for Horizons will remain the same.
 - The Christmas Jam! will be taking place December 15th at the Cascade Cultural Arts Center from 6 to 8:00 p.m. Join the group for an evening of fun for the whole family. Christmas Music Jam Session – bring your favorite instrument(s) (your voice counts) and jam with others playing holiday music. Ukuleles are available at the art center to play. Jam exchange – bring your favorite jam/jelly to share

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with others – bring a jam/jelly and exchange it for someone else’s jam/jelly. Enjoy goodies and hot drinks. Bring your gifts to wrap – free gift wrapping, tape will be available. Make Christmas ornaments. Exchange holiday cheer with others

- The Christmas Bird Count will take place December 16th. Join Horizons for the National Audubon’s 118th Christmas Bird Count. Come to the briefing starting at 7:30 a.m. at The Ashley Inn where you will partner up and receive your count area assignments and instructions. At noon the group will break for a chili potluck lunch. After, they will head back out to count more birds. Please contact Shauna Arnold at ShaunaArnold@hughes.net or 208-634-6906 if you plan to join them.
- Go to the American Legion this Sunday, December 17th, to visit Santa from 2 to 4 pm.
- The What’s Up? meeting will occur at the Cultural Arts Center this Thursday at 12 pm. This meeting is a valuable opportunity for members of community to come and share event dates and grant efforts so that we do not compete for dates or grant funds. It is also an opportunity to collaborate!
- The Youth Leadership weekend at the YMCA camp in horsetheif will be taking place April 28-30, 2018. Contact Shauna Arnold for more information.
- The West African Cultural Arts Institute Residency will be taking place January 8th – 12th, 2018.
- Show Brazil! will have a residency January 22nd through January 26th, 2018.
- A warning was given by Jenni and Sharon – the lake is icing over but not yet safe to walk on! Many children have already been spotted on the ice. Please keep them off until it is safe.
- Karen presented Brian with a check for \$800 for the McCall and Cascade food banks.
- A reminder was given for new meeting dates coming up: Chamber meetings will take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month beginning January. We are currently working on creating after hours socials. Please respond to Alyssa or Sharon to sign up for a month for your business to host an after hours special! This will be an opportunity to share details of your business with the Chamber that they may not be aware of.
 - January through March: meetings will be held at Across the Tracks
 - April through June: meetings will be held at The Lakefront Bar and Grill
 - July through September: meetings will be held at Reos
 - October through December: Meetings will be held at Route 55
 - A list of updated speakers for meetings will be coming soon.
- We welcomed one new member since last week: River Gear and Grind! Last week we also welcomed new members FIG and Cascade Sports and Marine.
- Membership dues will be sent out shortly, keep an eye out. Due information will also be available on the chamber website once it is sent out to the membership.
 - Bobbie made the point that we should consider raising dues if we cannot pay bills or do not have the funds to complete projects and reiterated that a budget would allow us to make this decision.
- The square system may be moved over to a chamber mobile phone, more information will be provided on this issue once a solution is found.
- Donnelly still has a lot of new apartments available. Rental prices are on a sliding fee schedule. Please call them for more information.

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- It was proposed that we take another look at dates that we would like to host 4th of July activities on. This will be discussed further next week.
- If you want to help with wrapping presents for Santa Claus' visit at the American Legion, please join them Wednesday night at 7 pm at the Legion Hall. There is still a lot of work to do.
- Sharon shared a recent edition of the Senior News with us and said Cascade has been well represented in the last two editions.
- There were not enough board members present to vote on the Chamber Alliance issue presented last week. Sharon is wanting authorization for the chamber to pay the \$125 fee for her to represent Cascade Chamber at the Alliance's Chamber Days. A representative from the Chamber Alliance has said that they do not hear from Valley County, so they assume that we are ok with what is going on.
 - Per Bobbie: The point of the Idaho Chamber Alliance is to lobby for business issues. She suggests that we have a representative come up to explain issues to us to see if we are needing to be concerned. other members present suggested that this could be an opportunity for us to stay informed about our community as opposed to becoming political.
 - A point was made that businesses in town do not get a vote in city matters if the business owner lives outside of the city. Sharon said she will look into this more and report back.
- Update on Winter Jamboree: The Fun Run has been cancelled this year. The dinner and auction will be held at The American Legion on February 10th. Sharon stated that we would like to re-join the Fun Run with the auction and dinner if any snowmobile clubs step up to run the event.
- As a reminder: The Cascade End-of-Year Centennial Celebration will take place December 30th. At 6:30 pm at the Roxy Theatre a short film will be shown depicting our year. At 7 pm, individuals should move to Van Wyck at Lake Cascade State Park for bonfires, music, s'mores, and hot drinks. At 7:30 pm the lighting and launching of 100 Chinese lanterns will take place.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm