

Cascade Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
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Meeting called to order at 12:03 pm

Number of people in attendance: 12

- Guest Speaker: Shauna Arnold with Horizons Lifestyle and Education
 - **Mission Statement:** The Horizons' Lifestyle and Education Team is focused on meeting the educational and lifestyle needs of our community. The Team addresses alternative educational needs, poverty issues, community projects that promote healthy lifestyles, and affordable activities to enhance the living experiences of residents of Cascade.
 - Horizons' has representatives on the following committees:
 - Cascade Mobility Team – Currently focusing on the following:
 - Big Loop Trail – working with groups in various counties to connect a trail with the Weiser River National Recreational Trail.
 - Working on making Cascade a hub/destination for touring bicyclists
 - Construction of water feature at south end of city limits
 - Designing/Implementing way finding signage
 - Branding for Cascade
 - 2017 Centennial Committee – Currently working on the following event:
 - **Valley County/City of Cascade End-of-Year Celebration** – Dec. 30th
 - 6:30 p.m. at The Roxy Theatre – short film depicting our centennial year
 - 7:00 p.m. at Van Wyck unit at Lake Cascade State Park – bonfires, music, s'mores, hot drinks, and hotdogs
 - 7:30 p.m. – lightening and launching of 100 Chinese lanterns
 - Sports Park Committee – Currently focusing on the following:
 - Dog poop resolution
 - Grant to renovate ball fields and concession building and add additional kid play equipment
 - Midas Gold Community Agreements Committee
 - Summit Challenge Bike Ride
 - Committees/Groups under Horizons'
 - Valley County Audubon Society
 - Dec. 16th – **Christmas Bird Count in Cascade** – Join us 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 we will break for a chili potluck lunch. After we have warmed up and filled our bellies we 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 us.
 - Valley County Astronomical Society – currently focusing on:
 - Viewing pads and eventually an observatory at Lake Cascade State Park's new visitor center.
 - City of Cascade Lightening ordinance
 - Cascade Track Backers – put on the Turkey Trot at Thanksgiving to raise money for a track
 - Cascade Nordic Ski Club – came under the Horizons umbrella for the year while the Rec. Center got up and running. Is moving back under the Rec. Center at the end of the year.

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- Wellness Committee
 - Working on putting together Alive at 25 class at the school
 - Helping to coordinate affordable health care clinic with Dr. Nicholson with a focus to coordinate community service opportunities for those who cannot pay the \$25.00 visit fee.
 - Working with YAC to change the alcohol ad sign at the south end of town to display a more positive message.
 - Partner with State Parks for free ski day – set for Jan. 6, 2018
 - Self-Guided Walking Tour of The Strand coupled with displays of *Advice from a River*
- Friends of Armstrong Park
 - Story Walk
 - Maintaining the mound and firewise gardens
 - Working on renovating recycling center or moving it so we can make a nice addition to the park, making a “Gateway to Recreation” entrance to Kelly’s Green Space.
- Communication Committee
 - Currently send out a monthly “Happenings in Cascade” via email.
 - Conduct bi-annual What’s Up?! meeting
 - Coordinating efforts to have a community calendar that is linked to various Google calendars in the area.
- Adult/Youth Partnerships – Current projects:
 - Community Garden – currently have off-season community potlucks at the Cascade Cultural Arts Center the first Tuesday of each month – Oct.-May
 - Up keep of landscaping at the Community Center Park
 - Youth Leadership weekend at the YMCA camp – April 28-30, 2018
- Cascade Cultural Arts Center – current happenings/events:
 - Partner and provide space for the Cascade after School Program
 - Art after School – run classes for K-1st graders and 2nd-6th graders
 - Makerspace Mondays (STEAM endeavor) – 4th-12th grades
 - Business incubator
 - Violin lessons
 - Ceramic wheel-throwing lessons
 - Open Studio
 - Christmas Jam!: **Dec. 15th** at the Cascade Cultural Arts Center from 6-8:00 p.m. Join us 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 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
 - West African Cultural Arts Institute residency – Jan. 8th-12th, 2018
 - Show Brazil! residency – Jan. 22nd- 26th, 2018
 - Valley Home Companion – April 20-22, 2018

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- Firewise Garden – demonstration areas for ideas on how to landscape around your home to keep it fire safe.
- Other events/endeavors Horizons has done...
 - Hosted pre-screening party for the screening of *Destination Idaho*
 - Beat-the-Heat Triathlons
 - Cascade Library renovations
 - Cascade City Fire and Rural Fire District Consolidation
 - Building of The Recycled Book
 - Rocking Chair-ity
 - Dutch-Oven Cooking Classes and Cook-off
 - Lights on After School
 - Portico for Community Center
 - Poverty Awareness/Education
- A reminder was issued for all members interested in being placed on the meeting agenda in the future: Please let Sharon or Alyssa know you would like to be on the agenda and what you would like to speak about before noon on Monday so that they can get the agenda sent out by Monday night.
- Starting the first week of January, meetings will be moved to the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Work is being done to create an after-hours social schedule.
- Christy Perry will be by at the next meeting to introduce herself, she is running for a seat in congress. She is also looking to hold an open house around the 19th – Sharon suggested the American Legion. Sharon and the American Legion will further discuss the details and make a plan for the open house.
- Moving forward, we will start learning more from the Chamber Alliance.
 - Chamber Days are January 22nd and January 23rd. Sharon volunteered to go as our representative and asked for the \$125 fee to be paid by chamber. She states that if we want Valley County to have representation, we need to go. There have been Valley County issues discussed in the past that we were not present for. Instead of voting immediately as to whether the fee should be paid, the vote was tabled for next week. Please find information on Chamber Days attached and read through it to vote on paying the fee next week.
- Theresa Perry provided an update on the partnership for the depot: The mission of the depot is to connect river, town, and lake. Partners include State Parks, Cascade Chamber, and the Southern Valley County Recreation District; This partnership started in 2011. Over the last four years, average daily contact is as follows:
 - 2014: 24 people
 - 2015: 25 people
 - 2016: 26 people
 - 2017: 26 people
 - 2017 saw a total of 1,242 visitors. They depot was open 9 days in June, 18 days in July, 17 days in August, and 3 days in September. These numbers do not include the eclipse, that day alone saw appx. 1,500 people. There was a total of 296 hours worked which resulted in a total of \$3,287.59 paid in wages. The Cascade Chamber portion of the bill is \$821.89. A motion was previously made to pay the cost – as treasurer, Scotty accepted the bill.
- We welcomed Victor and Carrie Kranz with Lake Cascade Sport and Marine as well as James Bergquist with FIG (Financial Insurance Group) as new members. Lake Cascade Sport and Marine should be opening this month.

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- Don't forget, Santa will be at the Legion Hall December 17th from 2 to 4 pm.
- Mrs G's service will be held at the Catharine Drexel Church in Cascade at 9 am on the 9th and will be followed by a spaghetti feed at the Legion Hall.
- See attached document regarding an open house for the Northwest Passage Apartments.
- Jenni from the Lakefront passed out info on a snowshoe golf tournament – please see attached. She has also asked chamber to come together to put Christmas lights back up down main street. Members were able to inform her that our main issue has been getting the trees trimmed. Jenni will be moving forward on this project.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm

Information Update added after chamber meeting: Due to the short notice and limited availability of all snowmobile clubs in the near vicinity, the Winter Jamboree Fun Run has been cancelled for 2018. The Winter Jamboree dinner and auction has been moved to February 10th at 5:30 pm at the American Legion to coincide with the Perch Assault.