

Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting Minutes

Attending Members: Dawn Bell, Rachel Coker, Neil Daly, Sharif Burdzik, Kristeen Millett, Rob Aichele, Kelli Montei, John Rose

Absent: Scott Flury, Gus Farah, Steve Dronen, Jim Holder

FRIENDLY ATTENDANCE POLICY REMINDER: *Each member of the Board of Directors shall attend at least nine (9) monthly meetings of the Board per year.*

Meeting held: 06/02/23: Corwin Board Room

2023 Board President, Dawn Bell, called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

STANDING ITEMS

1. Secretary's Report – May 2023 meeting minutes reviewed. John 1st, Dawn 2nd, approved with no changes.
2. Treasurer Report – Dawn reported \$9,347.59 in checking; \$2,664.44 in Savings. Dawn also to look into small giveaways to purchase.
3. Community Update – Rob reported Haarup North America Inc. opening – concrete industry.
4. Membership Committee update – Kelli met with Out Front Advertising owner – relocated from Oregon to Ridgefield. Wants to become an active member. Also spoke with an accounting person who helps companies find ERC grants for businesses, may want to join.
5. Ribbon Cuttings & Blue Crew – Kristeen: choosing dates to work at event center/amphitheater to raise money for Blue Crew attire. Vendor reports being two months out on jackets. No upcoming ribbon cuttings. Decided to order several Chamber nametags with “Committee Member” in lieu of name.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dawn to connect with Gus and Jason to find a date for Chamber Raptor Night.
- No one applied for our scholarships. Discussed how to market this better, including making sure the school is getting this info to students.

NEW BUSINESS

- Paddle for Life: have not committed yet – held August 5th 8am to 3pm.
- Kristeen to research what needs to happen to keep our website stable. Go Daddy went down, and it didn't reconnect. Kristeen spent hours on the phone with Go Daddy to get this resolved.

ONGOING MONTHLY ITEMS

1. Wine Down Wednesday's

- Chamber to expense \$150 for each Wine Down for food.
- Jun: Carts by the Park – look at purchasing \$150 in Main Street Moolah to give out in \$5 increments.
- Jul: Latte Da
- Aug: BevRidge? (need to confirm)
- Sep: TBD
- Oct: TBD
- Nov: Windy Hills pie giveaway
- Dec: holiday celebration

2. Events / Speakers for Lunches –

- Jun: Kevin Hiebert, life & business coaching, leading teams
- Jul: TBD (Developers panel?)
- Aug: TBD (HR panel?)
- Sep: TBD (CAPS & MAPS?)
- Oct: Civic Update with mayors
- Nov: Elections, chamber business
- Dec: TBD, if meeting is held

3. First Saturdays:

- Jun: no First Saturday booth since we're doing the Big Paddle.
- July: need to confirm the format

4. Member Spotlights:

- June: The Graeff Group – eXp
- July: Washington Trust Bank
- August: ilani

Signatures:

President, Dawn Bell : _____ Date_____

Secretary, Sharif Burdzik: _____(signed)_____ Date_____

*******Next meeting: Friday July 7, 2023, 9:00 AM*******

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 AM