

MBA March Meeting
March 4, 2020

Call to order 7:43

Motion to approve the minutes made and carried.

Financial Statement –\$400 was returned to the MBA for Music in the Park by Jack’s Pub. New account has officially been opened and we now have our own account for MBA. Motion to approve the financial statements made and carried.

Curves Business Spotlight – Curves is doing a March food drive. You do not have to be a member to contribute. Joining curves is free this month if you donate food. Relay for Life coming up. Hoping business will have a team. A slow pitch softball tournament will also be going on for Relay for Life. \$100 per team. Very Merry Unbirthday Party coming up for Thoughts and Gifts Project on April 4th. Tickets are \$25.

Out of the Darkness Walk – Tim Glascock from WOU works on suicide prevention and mental health promotion on campus. The Out of the Darkness Walk will be taking place on campus on May 14th from 4-6pm and will start at the Peter Courtney Health and Wellness Center. Student Wellness Advocacy Group is putting on the event. Hoping that community members will participate. There is a need for sponsors. Last year about 141 attended and about \$4000 was raised. There will be a health fair, a few speakers, bead ceremony, and then do a half mile walk together. Comment from the group that it would be nice if future walks might also include walking into the community.

Vision Statement Latest Revision – New vision statement read to group. Motion to accept the vision statement as stated made and carried.

Committee Updates

Membership – Creating a list of businesses in town. In beginning stages of developing a survey to assess business community and what they want out of a business association. Asked the group to provide questions they want on this survey by Friday, March 6. Need to best figure out how to reach out to new businesses with city, chamber, and MBA.

Education – No report at this time.

Advocacy – Holly Tangeman has agreed to lead this charge.

Music in the Park – Adding an additional band to perform July 1st. The Adam Larson Band will be the band performing – a country and western band. It will be \$1500 to add them to the roster. Motion made to approve the additional \$1500 cost for the additional band for music in the park and motion carried. Will need help with setting up and logistics as we get closer to the start of Music in the Park.

New Student Feed – No report at this time.

Spooktacular – No report at this time.

Small Business Saturday – No report at this time.

Chamber Banquet is coming up March 13th. It will be held at WOU. Tickets can be purchased through Monday. Sponsorships and donations accepted until Friday. The theme is "Once Upon a Time in MI Town". \$5 of ticket price is going to a non-profit. Only selling as many raffle tickets sold as there are raffle items. There will also be a silent auction for larger items. *Motion made to sponsor the banquet as a major sponsor for \$350 and carried.* This sponsorship comes with 2 tickets. Bill, Nicole and Emily will use tickets included in major sponsorship and Kevin donated some of his tickets from Columbia Bank's sponsorship.

Announcements

Chamber of Commerce – Expanding hours of operation from May - Sept and will be open on Saturdays. Also taking over the whole building and will be renting out the current space it occupies for \$800/month and also 2 offices to rent out at \$400 and \$450. Will also have a meeting space available. Chamber will be moving into Walt's current space.

City of Monmouth – Choice for building shape for new city building is an L-shaped building on Main Street. Council had goal setting session – but did not get to priority setting yet. Still in city manager recruitment process. Reviews of top candidates on March 31st. There will be a meet and greet on April 13th. S curves on track – expect 2 buildings to be open by June. MBA may want to reach out to new businesses coming in. Roth's and Tractor Supply will be anchor stores. Should reach out to White Oak Construction for business contacts.

WOU – Trina Horsey will start attending as the WOU representative. Sabra from the Foundation shared information about the Art & Wine Walk on March 11th from 2-7pm. It is Free and wine and food will be available. Art available for purchase. Register to ensure you get your free gift – though not required!

Heron Point – Alzheimer's walk on 10/10/2020. Doing a pie sale to raise funds. Sponsorship opportunities available.

Next meeting will be April 1st. Washington Federal will be spotlight business.