

Monmouth Business Association Minutes

September 2, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:32am, August 5, 2020 via Zoom.

Attendees: Miriam Haugen, Suzanne Dufner, Bill Foster, Jeff Rose, Kathleen Mason, Sabra Jewell, Marilyn Morton, Chuck Thurman, Miranda Garrison, Kevin Raschko, Emily McNulty

Introductions: Each person introduced themselves.

Meeting Minutes: Motion made and carried to approve August meeting minutes.

Financials: Motion made and carried to approve the financials.

10 Tuesday Promotion: Continuing at least through September.

New Student Feed: New Student Feed cancelled. Kathleen will help to pull together virtual advertising coupon. Sabra is willing to help.

Halloween: Postponed unless someone comes up with a good idea. Emily will talk with Krist and Emily and Chuck will talk with City Manager about options. Traci Weston is interested in helping too. Maybe we can do a drive through option and have people decorate cars.

PPE Distribution: Businesses can pick up PPE from chamber. Businesses can get a new supply every month. Chamber is open Tuesday-Friday from 9-5pm and Saturday from 10-4pm.

Mid-Willamette Weddings: Small group continuing to meet with a focus of promoting Monmouth/Independence as a wedding destination. Now have some wedding planners involved. Working on a website that will list local vendors with a Polk County focus. People getting married can access website for all kinds of information. Vendors can pay a small fee to be listed. Will be reaching out to potential wedding related vendors soon.

We will make sure and record meetings to share out afterwards.

Announcements

MI Chamber of Commerce

- Next Wednesday is Greeters and will be at Windermere. There will also be a ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Thirsty Thursday will be at Curves.
- Membership renewals are starting to happen now.
- Independence Cinema ads are now available.

City of Monmouth

- Development in area is booming. Storage units are going in on Hwy 99/Hoffman intersection. Hoffman Meadows and Olsen Space 8 are also under way.

Businesses -

- Santa Experience will be in an outdoor setting and on Miriam's property.

Next meeting is October 7.