

## **Minutes, MBA meeting of 8/3/22, held at the Monmouth Library**

- Miriam Haugen, President
- Bill Foster, Cascade Management
- Suzanne Dufner, City of Monmouth
- Kevin Raschko, Columbia Bank
- Jeff Rose, Main Street Ice Cream
- Phyllis Bolman, City of Monmouth
- Tori Stutzman, Sparklet Marketing
- Sabra Jewell, WOU
- Chris Lopez, Monmouth City Council
- Michelle Chang, online business
- Rebecca Salinas Oliveras, WOU
- Dan Farrington, candidate
- Julie Jeanseau, The Red Poppy
- Mandy Kuang, Sing Fay Restaurant
- Marilyn Morton, 2C1C (acting secretary for this meeting)

Meeting was called to order by Miriam Haugen at 8 AM

First time attendees introduced themselves.

New businesses noted: The Red Poppy, a New Food Cart on WOU property, one other business coming but not ready quite yet to open.

The minutes of the last two meetings were reviewed. Bill Foster moved to approve the minutes, Suzanne Dufner 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes unanimously.

The financial reports for the last two meetings were reviewed. Bill Foster moved to approve the financial reports, Phyllis Bolman 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.

University Connections Committee is holding a meeting today at 4 PM at Rick's Place.

Music in the Park is very successful (despite the heat). The program is now half-way complete.

Smith Fine Arts has asked MBA to be a sponsor for the 2022-2023 season. The MBA Executive Committee recommends either a \$150 or \$300 sponsorship. After discussion Kevin Raschko moved to pay \$150 in sponsorship to Smith Fine Arts with the caveat that their promised fiscal support of Music in the Park is received. Suzanne Dufner 2<sup>nd</sup>. After discussion motion was passed unanimously.

Student Welcome to Monmouth Celebration is September 20. Miriam announced that Nicki Marazzani, Chamber Director, secured Salem Health as a sponsor for the event. There will be a DJ on site. Cost is \$40 to have a space at the event, please bring your own table and supplies. Applications available from the Chamber.

History & Mystery in Monmouth is September 30. A table tent design was shared, Marilyn will cover the cost of printing; table tents will be distributed to local restaurants for advertising. Question: should MBA's logo be put on the table tent? Kevin Raschko moved to put MBA's logo on the publication, Bill Foster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.

Halloween. Miriam recapped the last pre-COVID Halloween event. Discussions are starting about what the event will look like for 2022.

Making Spirits Bright: Suzanne is look for volunteers to be involved in planning.

MINET's Customer Appreciation Day is August 25, 3-5 PM. It will be a luau, and the Kona Shaved Ice truck will be in attendance. Raffles, drawings, and tours available.

Upcoming events:

- Saturday, August 6, partial old City Hall demolition
- Bike MS
- New Student Welcome Celebration
- History & Mystery in Monmouth
- Manit Day for the Marshallese population of the NW Region is September 30 and October 1 in Main Street Park

Outreach Committee: Sabra reported that a fee structure is being developed for MBA. It will be brought to next month's MBA meeting for consideration. The committee is also working on business outreach and planning to feature one new business and one existing business in editions of 2C1C. Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at Grain Station at 11 AM.

Announcements:

Suzanne discussed the Service Listings document for businesses being developed with a grant and in partnership with Indy Idea Hub.

The new WOU president started this week.

A mural is being painted on the Catron side of PCL. Eileen Hinkle is the mural artists. Painting begins the 8<sup>th</sup> of August and should be done by end of September. It will feature, in part, the Monmouth-Independence Railroad story.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM