

Minutes, MBA meeting of 12/7/22, held at the Monmouth Library

Attending: Miriam Haugen, President; Bill Foster, Cascade Management; Nicki Marazzani, Chamber Director; Phyllis Bolman, City of Monmouth; Suzanne Dufner, City of Monmouth; Justin Sunada, WOU; Emily McNulty, MaMere's Guest House; Marilyn Morton 2C1C; Jason Saunders and PJ Armstrong, Minet; Tori Stutzman, Sparklet Designs; Sabra Jewell, City of Monmouth; Kelly Carmichael, Ash Creek Auto Glass; Mike Irons, Mungo Designs; Gwen Whelton, PCL

Meeting was called to order by Miriam Haugen at 8:02 AM.

Introductions from meeting attendees.

New business announcement: Papa Milson's food truck has opened in the Dry Town Food Truck space.

Meeting Minutes

Bill moved to approve the November meeting minutes. Kelly 2nd. Motion carries.

Financial Statement

Bill moved to approve the financial statement. Nicki 2nd. Motion carries.

By-law Amendment

Proposed by-law amendments were presented at November MBA meeting. They included the addition of Communications Officer and highlighted that each organization gets one vote.

MBA Officer Nominees

President – Tori Stutzman

Vice President – NO NOMINEE

Secretary – Marilyn Morton & Phyllis Bolman

Treasurer – Kevin Raschko

Communications Officer – Gwen Whelton

MBA Representative to Chamber of Commerce – NO NOMINEE

Some discussion on MBA representative to the Chamber and what that position entails. It requires attending monthly Chamber board meetings. Some discussion that the representative to the Chamber should be an MBA officer.

Vote on By-law Amendment and MBA Officers

Ballot included by-law amendment vote and MBA Office nominees.

By-law Amendments passed.

Election results:

President – Tori Stuzman

Vice President: Write in with most votes – Miriam Haugen (We will reach out to see if Miriam is interested.)

Secretary: Phyllis Bolman

Treasurer: Kevin Raschko

Communications Officer: Gwen Whelton

MBA Rep to Chamber Board: Write in with most votes – Mike Irons (We will reach out to see if Mike is interested.)

Making Spirits Bright

17 businesses participated – a great collaborative event! Senior Community Center had a great turnout for breakfast and kid's maker market. WOU Acapella Group caroled around downtown. Feedback has been positive. There will be a survey to provide feedback.

January Meeting

No meeting in January. Leadership team will meet and do some strategic planning in January. Regular MBA meeting will begin in February.

Chamber announcements

- Morning Greeters on December 14th at Central School District
- Member Holiday Happy Hour on December 16th at Crush from 4:30-6pm
- Polk County Women in Business meeting on December 19th at 5:30pm at Flutter & Arch
- Community Christmas Caroling on December 21st from 5:30-7pm at the Gate for Make Music Day Winter
- Most Greeters and Thirsty Thursdays have been set. Check MICC calendar for more information.
- The Sign is up and beautiful! Hopefully it will have power soon.
- New app coming soon.

City of Monmouth announcements

- Council had an urban renewal focused meeting last night. The City of Monmouth has asked for an extension. The Council will vote in January.
- February is Black History Month. Carol McKiel is looking for businesses to sign up by January 15th to host students' art for the month.
- The Trolley is here! There will be an app to track the trolley. Minet will be providing WIFI on the trolley. Stay tuned for more information about the launch date!
- There will be an art show at the Monmouth Public Library in conjunction with Arts & Culture Commission. There will be a reception on Saturday, January 28th.

WOU Announcements

- Parade & Tree Lighting was a big success.
- Holiday break ends on January 9th for WOU.
- Day of Service will be happening in January. If you have ideas, please reach out to Justin Sunada.

Other Announcements

- The City of Monmouth & City of Independence will be launching Marketing Mondays in January. It will be a monthly learning opportunity around marketing for businesses.
- Technical Assistance Program has launched! Email Tori Stutzman with questions. Applications are due by the 19th.
- Minet has some specials going on and will have Santa.
- Ash Creek Auto Glass will be moving to Rickreall.
- Puppy New Year Celebration – January 7th from 10-3pm at the Fairgrounds. Contact Kelly Carmichael from Ash Creek Auto to volunteer.
- WOU & Community collaborative group will be meeting December 8th at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.