

**JUNEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2023**

Meeting was called to order. Members present: Brett, Natlie and Ben Bolman, Sue Piper, Janet Ludeman, Joe & Laura Sciascin, Dave & Eileen Gratton, Ray Abitz and Mary Webster-Abitz, Diane Ronge, Jason Davis, Cathy & Curt Firari, Nich Muenchow, Dave Muenchow, Cristine & Sasa Seremet, Jen Porter, Gretchen & Bob Last, Michelle Klettke, Matt & Char Lober, Karen Gibbs and Jessica Rea.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Report: Joe made a motion to approve, Jen second. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karen made a motion to approve, Joe second. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Facebook: Cristine reported that the Facebook following is up by 3000% from when we started. Posts that are sent to Facebook will be and need to be shared. She shares all the business Posts that are posted. She will come up with Goals for our Facebook.

Welcoming Committee: Gretchen reported that we have 3 new members. It was decided To use the same picture from last year for the current Certificates. They have 5 or 6 companies That have supplied items for the new resident bags. There should be a section on our website For new residents to leave their information for the committee to distribute these bags.

Membership update: Gretchen reported that she has received 15 renewals so far.

Fundraising and Softball: on 1/21 there is a banquet for the softball at 1850's at 1 p.m. Suggestion has been made to possibly have a Toy Show. There is one in Johnson Creek on Feb 5 and update will be given at the next meeting. A spaghetti dinner has also been Suggested for a fundraiser to be held at Dodgeland.

Parade of Trees: Mary reported that 27 trees were decorated at the Library. Of the 34 trees That we have there are some that need to be replaced. She says they still need more boxes For storing the trees. There were about 150 people that attended the event at the Library. The FFA provided treats and also served them. Music 3was provided by Dodgeland and St. John's. Gift bags were provided to these students. There were 47 raffle prizes which Generated \$321. Mary recommended that we increase the cost to sponsor a tree for next year From \$15 to \$20 on returning participants. Gretchen made a motion, Diane second and it was Approved. Mary recommended that we give the FFA a flat fee of \$300 for putting the trees up And taking them down. Joe made a motion to approve this recommendation and Natalie Second, it was approved. Gretchen made a motion to give the Friends of the Library \$300 From the funds that were raised, Karen 2nd and it was approved. The trees for the downtown Area will be a separate committee and will be labeled "LIGHT UP JUNEAU". Mary will be Stepping down from the Parade of Trees and Cathy Firari will take this over.

Business Networking: Sasa says they are looking for speaker for the next event.

Trail Clean-up: Dave Gratton will decide a time will present a date for the next clean-up This coming spring. We will need volunteers to keep this active. The Sons of American Legion should be able to participate. Other members are asked to participate. More Information to follow.

Old Business:

Honor Walk Banners: The American Legion is working on this project. They are Researching what is required.

Downtown Improvement Plan: Brett reported that there will be a meeting on Sunday To discuss and plan.

Tax Exempt Status: Gretchen reported that we are a 501C6 which does not qualify For tax exemption. We are not a charitable organization.

A 2023 Membership booklet will need to be done this year. Committee will need To be set up to take care of this. Michelle offered to be a part of this committee.

Elections:

Brett Bolman was nominated for President by Ray, second by Joe. Unanimously approved
Sasa Seremet was nominated for Vice President by Karen, second by Joe. Unanimously approved.

Gretchen Last was nominated for Treasurer by Karen, second by Joe. Unanimously approved.

Sue Piper was nominated for Secretary by Karen, second by Joe. Unanimously approved.

Director were nominated by Karen and Second by Joe. Unanimously approved.

Diane Ronge and Char Lober for 3 year term

Jason Davis and Jen Porter for 2 year term

Nich Muenchow and Lauren Medelberg for 1 year term

Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seond by Sue. Approved.

Submitted by
Sue Piper
Secretary