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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
August 26, 2019***

The August 26, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Seth McGrath with 45 persons present.

Correspondence included the following announcements: English Express; North Coast Growers' Association Farmers' Markets; City of Fortuna Press Release; Fortuna Senior Scene; Humboldt Botanical Garden; Express Employment; Fortuna Parks & Recreation; Flynn Creek Circus; Fortuna Chamber Ribbon Cutting; and various articles by the Times Standard.

Seth McGrath thanked C.C. Catering for lunch.

Kevin Bradley, Allstate Insurance, introduced Kevin Rice, a new agent for Allstate.

Crystal Lewis, Crystal Lewis State Farm Insurance, introduced her team: Lexie & Lauren Lewis and Pyper Daniels.

Ambassador Chair Laura Morris announced the ribbon cutting for Crystal Lewis State Farm Insurance immediately following the Monday Club meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Renee Lindsay announced Movies in the Park for August 30 at 8:30 p.m. The Chamber office would be closed on September 2 for Labor Day. The Flynn Creek Circus will be in town September 5-8 at Rohner Park. A new art installation piece is coming to the Fortuna Monday Club. A tentative ribbon cutting date of September 9 is planned.

Dianna Rios announced the Fortuna Concert Series fundraiser for the Steinway Restoration Project. The full restoration will cost approximately \$56,000. They have raised \$40,000 and need to raise another \$16,000. They recently received a \$2,000 donation from Rotary Club of Fortuna and just applied for a grant from Coast Central Credit Union.

Rex Bohn announced the very successful Junior Livestock Auction at the Humboldt County Fair. Over \$868,000 was raised with 268 animals sold.

Seth McGrath announced that during the most recent Board meeting, the Board unanimously approved a motion to put the Apple Harvest Festival back under the Chamber of Commerce insurance umbrella and nominated Renee Lindsay to the Committee as the Chamber representative. Seth thanked the Board for their vote on this issue.

Bob Judevine announced the need for volunteers at this year's Apple Harvest. Volunteers were needed as drivers for the hayrides and for the work party. Those interested in volunteering may contact Bob directly.

Sean Swanson announced River Life Foundation has now collected 358,000 pounds of trash and helped 141 people find employment, reunited with their family, moved out of the area or on to a rehab program. Every Friday at 10:00 am there is a trail walk at the Dennis Wendt Memorial Trail. The goal is to flood the area with positive activity in order to drive out the negative activity.

Tami Trent, Mayor Pro Tem, reported on HOPS in Humboldt. This year saw an increased security presence thanks to Fortuna Police Lt. Matt Eberhardt. The 2019 grant application form would be available online in the next week or two.

Val Vosburg, Fortuna Senior Center, announced the Fortuna Senior Center's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest set for Saturday, September 28. There will be vendors, a silent and dutch auction, a kids' corner and other activities.

**Guest Speaker: Justin Braud, Humboldt County Undersheriff**

Justin presented information on the different departments within the Sheriff's office and what their roles and responsibilities are, including the Drug Task Force and the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. He commented on how Props 47 & 57 have changed things at the jail and encouraged everyone to take a tour sometime. He cited the need for more dispatchers and deputies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay  
Recording Secretary