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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
January 7, 2019

The January 7, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Melissa Collins with 37 persons present. New guests included Mark Schaffner, Youth Program Operator at the Redwood Community Action Agency.

Correspondence included announcements from River Lodge's 18th Annual Wedding & Event Faire, Humboldt Association of Realtors, City of Fortuna Neighborhood Watch, Humboldt IPA, CalChamber Alert, IRS, United States Post Office, City of Fortuna City Council, Sequoia Park Zoo, Fortuna Senior Center, and "Pennies for Paradise."

Melissa Collins announced our new Correspondence folder which is a portfolio that we send out to anyone requesting information on Fortuna. Businesses are welcome to advertise.

Becky Giacomini announced the January Mixer would be at Umpqua Bank on the 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Bob Judevine announced the annual Seafood Boil for Fortuna Sunrise Rotary will be on Saturday, January 19, 2019. He had tickets (\$75.00) available.

Merritt Perry announced the City Council would meet at 6:00 p.m. to introduce Wayne Hanson, Code Compliance Officer, a position financed by Measure E. There would also be a review of the Administrative Policy regarding Travel. Merritt also reported that there are still vacancies on several City commissions, including Planning, Historical, and Measure E Oversight.

Melissa Collins, Chair, announced that the Chamber would be seeking public nominations for the Annual Awards Dinner & Auction. A survey link would be sent to the membership and posted on social media.

Becky Giacomini announced the State of the City breakfast would be Thursday, February 7.

Sean from River Life Foundation announced a city clean-up on January 19 at 8:45 a.m. They have collected over 319,000 pounds of trash in the Eel River Valley. They will meet at Redwood Village in the parking lot between McDonald's and the Shell station.

Guest Speaker: **Eureka Rescue Mission** / Bryan Hall, Executive Director

The Eureka Rescue Mission currently houses 40 women/children and 75 men through their "New Life" program. Their focus is to make positive choices. They do not receive State or Federal funding, so they rely on donations and small grants. They offer showers, meals, clothing, and shelter to anyone in need. Their graduation success is 90% since the program started in 1999. Individuals are required to volunteer in the community to gain job skills and training (e.g., Thrift Store, Samoa Drag Strip).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay
Recording Secretary