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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE***

January 14, 2019

The January 14, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Melissa Collins with 28 persons present.

Correspondence included announcements from Humboldt Association of Realtors, City of Fortuna Neighborhood Watch, Humboldt IPA, CalChamber Alert, IRS, United States Post Office, City of Fortuna City Council, Fortuna Concert Series, and Sequoia Park Zoo.

Melissa Collins reminded the members to vote for this year's Award Nominations.

Brian Gonzalez announced the January Mixer would be at Umpqua Bank on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Danny Kelley announced that Leadership Fortuna 8 was going forward and accepting applications.

Danny Kelley announced that the CR Housing fundraiser had raised \$29,000 out of the \$48,000 needed; a large portion of that coming from Fortuna. He said the program has already housed 3 students and that they would need to address the issue of students with children as the current dorms did not allow children.

Sean Swanson from River Life Foundation updated the members on the Dennis Wendt Memorial Trail. The trail will begin at the Humboldt Auction Yard, continue to Palmer, and then end at Fernbridge and is slated to open April 27. Sean also announced a city clean-up on January 19 at 8:45 a.m. River Life has collected over 319,000 pounds of trash in the Eel River Valley and helped 130 people get reunited with their families or into rehab. They will meet at Redwood Village in the parking lot between McDonald's and the Shell station.

Dianna Rios announced that the Headwaters Fund will be accepting applications for economic development projects beginning February 1. Grant proposals will be reviewed in April and a final decision made in May. They currently have \$130,000 available.

Guest Speakers: **St. Bernard's Academy Foundation** / Paul Shanahan, Executive Director & Hailey Del Grande

There would not be a meeting on January 21 in observance of MLK, Jr. Day. Next meeting would be January 28, 2019 with guest speaker Leira Satlof from Ferndale Repertory Theatre.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay  
Recording Secretary