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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
September 9, 2019

The September 9, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Seth McGrath with 31 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; Leadership Fortuna application; Gene Lucas Community Center; Fortuna Concert Series Press Release; North Coast Otter Art Project; FBID board vacancy; RCRPD Pool Meeting; Apple Harvest Vendor Application; NCJ Burger Week; Bear River Casino Show & Shine; Eel River Valley Chapter DAR Constitution Week; Fortuna Chamber Ribbon Cutting; and various articles by the Times Standard.

Seth McGrath thanked C.C. Catering for lunch.

Doug Floraday from Express Employment introduced guest, Esme Dominguez, Employment Specialist.

Ambassador Chair Laura Morris announced the ribbon cutting for the new art project on the lawn immediately following the Monday Club meeting at 1:15 p.m. The September Chamber mixer will be September 18 at The Humboldt Connection. A ribbon cutting will be held at 5:30 pm immediately before the mixer.

Renee Lindsay announced Bargain Lovers Weekend would be September 13-15. Burger Week featuring special burger at Chamber member restaurants would be September 13-21. Movies in the Park set for September 20 would be showing Ferdinand. The Fortuna Concert Series season kicks off September 14 with The Gatehouse Well, a Celtic-infused Progressive Folk band. Leadership Fortuna 9 applications were now available.

Jo Anne Center announced the Bunco for Books fundraiser for Eel River Valley Soroptimists on September 17 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. A spaghetti dinner was available for \$25 (includes Bunco). Bunco tickets were \$10.00. Proceeds benefit 14 schools.

Denise Marshall announced the Community Pool Meeting at the Monday Club on September 10th at 6:00 p.m. A full report of the feasibility study will be discussed.

Dr. Alan French announced the passing of Butch Nylander over the weekend on Highway 36. The Highway Association dinner would be October 18 at the River Lodge.

Val Vosburg announced the upcoming Oktoberfest on September 28. Presale tickets are \$15.00 The event will take place at Rohner Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Peter Fennell from Sunrise Rotary announced the Cherry Tree planting and Pergola installation for the new Gene Lucas Community Center on September 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A hot dog BBQ courtesy of Fortuna Grocery Outlet would be offered. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Peter directly.

Jenn Brown from the GLC announced an open position for a Playgroup 5 Leader. Anyone interested in applying can contact Jenn directly.

Seth McGrath thanked everyone who had signed up to volunteer at Apple Harvest. A few more tractor drivers were needed for the hayrides. Banner advertisements displayed during Apple Harvest would be \$150. Those interested may contact Seth or Bob Judevine. You can drop your banner off at Fortuna Grocery Outlet or Redwood Capital Bank.

Guest Speaker: Cecilia Moore, Youth Program Operator, RCAA StepUp/The RAVEN Project
The StepUp Program offers educational assistance in the form of tutoring, GED assistance, supportive financial assistance, scholarships, and internships. Their training program includes on-the-job work experience, certificate courses, and apprenticeships. They assist youth with employment by helping craft a personalized employment plan, help with job search, resume building, employment workshops, and help paying background check fees necessary for employment. StepUp will work with local companies and pay up to \$3,000 in wages for any youth placed into their employ. The RAVEN Project offers a drop-in center, Mondays and Fridays, from 1-5 p.m. for ages 10-21. Youth can shower, do laundry, relax, eat, seek Medi-cal & CalFresh help, and access “survival supplies.” Their outreach van offers hygiene kits and STD prevention supplies. You can reach Cecilia for more information at 443-7099.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay
Recording Secretary