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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE***

April 8, 2019

The April 8, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Vice-Chair Seth McGrath with 29 persons present. Jesse Gabriel introduced Susan Jean Flippen as a guest.

Correspondence included announcements from the Chamber regarding upcoming speakers; Ridgetop Café & Coffee Barn; Fortuna Concert Series; *Wings for a Cure* Fundraiser; The MGC's April Calendar of Events; CR's free Sign Language Class; River Life Foundation/Dennis Wendt Trail Grand Opening; City of Fortuna's *Free Compost Week*; Times-Standard news clippings on the Dragonfly ribbon cutting at the Fortuna Chamber, "Humboldt to Hulu" about Hulu CTO Dan Phillips's speech to Fortuna High students, Bob's Footlongs Grand Opening, Fortuna Family Resource Center, and Rotary District 5130 District Training Assembly in Fortuna; City of Fortuna's Notice of a Public Workshop/Fortuna Planning Commission; Fortuna Downtown Business Association Citywide Yard Sale Application; U.S. SBA News Release "*SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available to California Small Business*;" HSU Music Department April Calendar; Cal-Ore Life Flight; Sequoia Park Zoo's *Party for the Planet*; CR's Annual Plant Sale; Wild Souls Ranch *Sip of Summer*; Mother's Day Market; *Fortuna Senior Scene* Newsletter; and *The Whistle Punk* Newsletter.

Seth McGrath thanked Moonlight Catering for a delicious lunch.

Seth McGrath announced the proposed changes to the Chamber By-laws. The proposed changes were sent by email last Tuesday and hard copies were available on the tables. Unless there is objection, the Chamber will move to ratify the changes on May 6th during the regular Monday Club meeting.

Becky Giacomini announced a ribbon cutting for Mandi Ross Agency immediately following lunch at her office on 12th Street. Becky then introduced Desiree Robinson from Riverbar Pharms Bed & Breakfast to announce her ribbon cutting and open house on Saturday, April 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Becky Giacomini also announced that the Rohner Park Rec District would be facilitating a feasibility study for a pool at the new GLC. On April 30th there will be an open forum throughout the day at the Monday Club to hear public opinions and ideas. A community meeting would take place at 5:30 p.m. that evening. Denise Marshall coined the phrase, "Pool for the People."

Denise Marshall from the McLean Foundation gave an update on the Gene Lucas Community Center. They are planning on a fall opening. The main building that will house McLean, FSC and the GLC is 12,000 sq. ft. and 75% completed. They recently broke ground on the 2nd building that will house Humboldt Senior Resource Center and P.A.C.E. They have 5 acres of wetlands with walking trails. The MGC will run classes through May and will be closed in June except for some select activities.

Renee Lindsay announced the following: Free Compost Week from the City of Fortuna, April 15-19th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day; Chamber Breakfast meeting on April 29th at 7:00 am at the Monday Club with catering provided by CC Catering and guest speaker Maureen Lawlor from the Breast & GYN Health Project; "Wings for a Cause" fundraiser at Loleta Firemen's Pavilion on April

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12th; Free Chamber Leadership Workshop for Chamber members and their employees on April 25 from 1:30-5:00p.m. at the Monday Club.

Seth McGrath announced Johnny Wise's "*Celebration of Life*" on April 13 at the Elks Lodge in Eureka starting at 3:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Jesse Gabriel, Jesse Gabriel Photography

Jesse gave us a 3D virtual tour of the River Lodge that he recently completed. He discussed the ways that realtors, conference centers, and construction companies can utilize this technology to showcase their companies. In addition to 3D technology, Jesse also offers architecture photography and will soon offer drone videography. To contact Jesse directly, you can reach him at 707-726-1336 or jgphotobooth@gmail.com.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay
Recording Secretary