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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
December 16, 2019

The December 16, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Seth McGrath with 23 persons present. Renee Lindsay introduced Liv Barker & Deja Kono from the US Census Bureau who gave a brief presentation on the importance of the 2020 census and need for survey takers.

Correspondence included the following announcements: Fortuna Senior Scene; Leadership Fortuna application; Gene Lucas Community Center; Fortuna Chamber CCC Party; Fortuna Chamber Ribbon Cuttings; North Coast Otter Art Project; Bear River Casino; Big Brothers & Big Sisters of the North Coast; US Census Bureau; Loleta Craft Fair; LACO Associates; Fortuna Redwood Village Merchants Association; Eureka Symphony; River Life Foundation; Ferndale Repertory Theater; Fortuna Garden Club; Ferndale Jewelers; Fortuna PD; Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department; FBID; Ferndale Chamber Mixer; Fortuna PD; HSU Music Department; and various articles from the Times-Standard.

Seth McGrath thanked Jeanne Dorris for lunch.

Laura Morris announced the upcoming ribbon cutting at Cady Gambrell Photography & Simmons Skincare on Friday, December 20 at noon, located at 1731 Main Street. January's Chamber Mixer would be hosted by Humboldt Equity on January 15 at 5:30 pm.

Renee Lindsay announced the Ferndale Chamber Mixer at Lost Coast Baking Company at 5:30 p.m.; Coffee with the Chief on Tuesday at Starbucks from 8-10 a.m.; Free Movie Inside the Park showing the holiday classic, *Home Alone*, on Sunday, December 22 at 1:00 pm at the Firemen's Pavilion. The Chamber recently launched a new website design. The State of the City Breakfast would be on January 30 at the River Lodge. The Fortuna Chamber Annual Awards Dinner & Auction would be on February 27 at the River Lodge. The Chamber office would be closed from Christmas Day through New Year's Day.

Merritt Perry announced the City Council meeting agenda.

Jenn Brown, GLC, reported that they had over 400 visitors to their Stocking Stuffer Boutique at the Gene Lucas Community Center on December 14. They are hoping to be open to the public on February 1, 2020.

Guest Speaker: Cassie Kemic, Business Specialist, Department of Rehabilitation

The Department of Rehabilitation offers vocational rehabilitation to individuals with disabilities, including "hidden disabilities" such as depression, anxiety, and PTSD. Their main goal is to help these individuals find gainful employment. They have successfully helped individuals enter into social work programs at HSU, attend the Frederick Charles Beauty School, and attend the CR welding program. Through their counseling programs, DOR helps individuals gain self worth, provides interview/work clothes, school supplies & books, and even computers for CR classes. Their career assessment and counseling include mock interviewing training skills, independent living skills, career education, and career training. DOR offers a specialized training for workplaces called "Windmills" which helps to dispel myths about disabilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay
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