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**FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
March 25, 2019

The March 25, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Melissa Collins with 31 persons present.

Correspondence included announcements from the Chamber regarding upcoming speakers, Fortuna Library events, Ridgetop Café & Coffee Barn, Hydesville Community Church's DivorceCare and GriefCare, Fortuna Concert Series, CR's free Sign Language Class, The MGC's Intro to Conversational Spanish class, *Get Ready Humboldt*, *Fortuna Senior Scene* Newsletter, *Times-Standard* clipping about the HSU Nursing Program donation from St. Joseph Health, HSU Music Department March Calendar, Cal-Ore Life Flight, and Sequoia Park Zoo's *Party for the Planet*.

Melissa Collins thanked C.C. Catering for lunch and announced Moonlight Catering will be back in April.

Becky Giacomini announced an excellent turnout at the March Chamber Mixer at HealthSPORT on March 20<sup>th</sup> and the ribbon cutting at Bob's Footlongs Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. She reminded those that attend a mixer and receive a door prize gift to send a thank you card to the person that sponsored the gift.

Dianna Rios from FBID announced that the FBID Business & Cannabis surveys had been emailed and/or mailed. For the business survey, she emailed 175 surveys and mailed 275. For the Cannabis survey, she sent out over 1,300 surveys and had received a good response so far. She announced the deadline to reply was March 29<sup>th</sup>. The results of the Cannabis survey would be given to the City. No action would be taken by FBID. She also announced a Workplan Meeting for FBID members on March 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sean Swanson from River Life Foundation announced he needed a sponsor for another run of 100 shirts sizes 2X up to 4X. Any business who sponsored a run of shirts would have their logo displayed on the left-hand sleeve. He reminded everyone that the Grand Opening will be April 20<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine, starting at 12:00 p.m. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony would be at 1:00 p.m. If it's raining, the celebration will take place at 357 Main Street. Mercer-Fraser will be donating their Caterpillar BBQ for the event with hot dogs donated by Bob's Footlongs and burgers donated by Humboldt Grassfed Beef. Sean hoped to have a bounce house available.

Renee Lindsay announced the following events: Community Art Night at The MGC on March 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Book Club at the Fortuna Library on the last Wednesdays of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You do not need to bring a specific book – just talk about your favorite book or what you're currently reading. The Fortuna Library is hosting an afternoon tea party on Saturday, April 6 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call the Library to RSVP. High Heels for Healing fundraiser would be on April 3 at the Adorni Center from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Guest Speaker: Kay Chapman, Fortuna Family Resource Center**

The mission of the Fortuna Family Resource Center is building resilient students, strong families, and a healthy community through various programs. Their office, located at South Fortuna Elementary

School, includes computers for the public to use, a family play area, an office space, and a therapy space. There are currently 17 centers. The Fortuna Center is focused on mental health. Fortuna has onsite therapists that rotate between all 4 Fortuna elementary schools. The kids meet with a therapist for 40 minutes and then return to class. Some of the services the Center offers are backpacks for kids in partnership with Food for People and Rotary, laundry vouchers, transportation to medical appointments, after school programs, snacks through a grant from St. Joseph Health that places a box of snacks in every classroom, a Christmas toy drive, and a Christmas meal program. They partner with several organizations including Hops in Humboldt, Knights of Columbus, Rotary, St. Joseph Health, Salvation Army, Food for People, local churches, among others. They host a Cinco de Mayo celebration with a taco bar, potluck, and piñatas and a Bike Rodeo for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. You can contact the Fortuna Family Resource Center at [www.hnfrc.org](http://www.hnfrc.org) or 707-725-9082.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay  
Recording Secretary