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& the Upper Rogue

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Draft of board minutes from February 24

Minutes of the January board of directors meeting were approved. Hank Rademacher gave the treasurer's report. He said there was \$15,202.95 in the bank with \$120 in current accounts receivable. Thus this year, \$3,925 has been received in dues. The budget projection is for \$6,900. The newsletter continues to pay for itself.

There was discussion centered around the budget and income needs. Bob Russell noticed the Chamber's budget only calls for \$1,650 donation to the petunia baskets whereas last year, the contribution was \$3,000. Budget chair Sandi Erksine said last year's expenses exceeded income by \$2,553.76 and therefore there was a reduction in that item.

A motion was made and seconded and unanimously approved to accept the budget committee's projected budget. Expenses and projected income to meet those needs for Jan.-Dec. 2011 is \$14,250.

Sandi suggested asking people to contribute to the petunia basket project as they became members or at renewal time. Bob Russell said he visits every business asking for a contribution.

Sandi spoke of the need to have fundraisers and offered the PremierWest Eagle Point parking lot for a car wash. Bob Russell said the petunia money is needed by May 1 and he wasn't sure about the amount of car wash weather by that time.

Kathy Sell talked about the postcards she put together for a Chamber fundraiser. They sell for \$1.50 each, with \$1 going to the petunia project. At this time only the URI has them for sale but she is seeking permission from the City of Eagle Point for the Chamber to supply the cards and be responsible for the money in order to have cards at Harnish Wayside and Eagle Point Museum. Butte Creek Mill and PremierWest Bank in Eagle Point have each said they want to sell them.

The board approved the following new members: RLT, Butte Falls Natural Spring, Fire District #3, A Time 4 U Massage and Big R. Former member Ken Newcomb has-rejoined.

The importance of filling out the back page was stressed. The date a business signs up or renews, the amount of money received. And the check number (or cash if someone pays in that manner) needs to be accounted for. Nancy handed out a list of non-renewals and/or of those with no record of the date paid. Hank will check his deposit records in order to bring the membership book up to date.

A motion was made and unanimously approved that those who become paid members in the fourth quarter will actually receive up to 15 months membership, i.e. paid in Oct, Nov, Dec. 2010 (as an example) would not be due for renewal until Jan, 2012. Regular membership is on a calendar year, Jan .thru Dec. with no pro-rating.

Nancy said Curt Evans volunteered to do a member feature and photograph in each Newsletter. Those attending meetings can give

him their business cards and he will draw a card for the feature. A business can only be featured a maximum of one time a year.

Sandi reported she has two volunteers to help with the website. Casey Murdock, The HaXers, did a small jumala upgrade.

The greeters committee has been named the door hangers, since greeters did not adequately describe their mission, The next door hanger will be May 1. Kathy MUST have a minimum of 10 signed up and paid with their materials at the URI office before the deadline in order to do the project. Please contact her soon, at 541-826-7700 to be included, or for more in formation.

Richard Gyuro was approved as the liaison to the SC Chamber.

The regular Chamber meeting on Mar. 6 will be at La Quinta in White City. The meeting ended shortly after 8 a.m.



Postcards featuring Eagle Point places of interest are on sale for \$1.50 each with one dollar of that being contributed to the petunia basket fund in EP.

March "Focus on Business"

The following is the first Focus on Business feature in your Chamber Newsletter. It is done by Curt Evans. This first Focus is on Sandi Erskine, Manager of the Eagle Point Branch of PremierWest Bank.

How long has your business been open in Eagle Point?

Since Oct. 15, 2005.

What sets your business apart?

People doing business with people, one to one, face to face. Our phones get answered by knowledgeable well trained branch staff. It's all about providing excellent customer service and the appropriate products and services rather than banking driven by high technology. We're a locally owned Community Bank, decisions are made locally, and we like to give back to the community, it's seniors, schools, low income - all levels.

How did you get into this business?

I went straight into banking from Junior College in 1972. I enjoyed working with people, not numbers. I didn't want to end up working in a little, back, black room like a fungus. I like meeting people and getting to know them.

What are your business goals for 2011?

Always growth and profitability so we can continue to support our customers and our community. We have to be profitable just like any other business. Our goal is to provide the best service possible for our customers financial success including referring them elsewhere if we cannot provide the product or service they need.

My personal goals for the business is to continue supporting our customers and giving back to the community. I'm totally responsible for this branch. I submit an annual budget of projected income and expenses and add reasonable expected growth using historical data. Once approved, it is my

responsibility to manage my budget and achieve the goals I have set. I decide how to spend budgeted funds in my servicing area. I'd rather give more back to the community than do business lunches. I know that most of my customers feel the same way.

How long have you been a Chamber member, and why did you join?

Well, it was hard to find out about it at first. It was just the board members meeting then. The Chamber didn't have a newsletter, greeters bags, membership drives or Ambassadors to welcome new businesses into the community. There's been a lot of changes since 2006. I joined the Chamber in 2006 and was asked to run for the President position for 2007, mostly because nobody else wanted to do it. I agreed to run for the President position but advised them to expect change if I was elected.

I was elected to the President position for 2007 and again for 2008. I asked for ideas and member support. Because of the dedicated help and hours of hard work that many members gave in 2007, 2008, and continuing to this day, the activities of the Chamber changed and membership grew dramatically. The Chamber has continued to grow in membership, membership benefits, activities, and community involvement thanks to the dedicated volunteers.

Tell us something about yourself nobody else knows.

I was raised in a poor farm community in Montana until the age of 12 with a younger sister and four older brothers and one of their best friends, Evel Knievel, who always seemed to be hanging around. When we weren't doing chores on the farm, or going to school, we were at my Grandparents ranch just outside of Yellowstone National Park. I've never met a bug or snake I'm afraid of, but those five boys were sure afraid of snakes!

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Events sponsored by the Chamber

When you talk to someone about your Chamber of Commerce, chances are they want to know why they should join and what the Chamber does. Can you name at six least things the Chamber has participated in this past year? How about:

- Two drug take-back events.
- Vintage Fair
- Town Halls with political candidates
- Garage sale from White City to Prospect
- Expanded to include all of the Upper Rogue in name and doings
- Santa's Shop- 11 days of it, five hours a day.
- Ribbon cutting ceremonies for several new businesses.
- Appreciation Night for Avenue of Flags
- Special guest speakers
- City beautification, flowers around Eagle Point and hanging baskets.
- Avenue of the Flags

Special recognition deserved

It is particularly noteworthy when citizens step forward to do something special. On Saturday, Feb. 26 two of our Chamber members did something that truly deserves recognition.

Helen Wolgamott (our Flag Lady) thought it would be appropriate to have Avenue of the Flags flying as the funeral procession for Sgt. Matthew DeYoung came through Eagle Point for the burial service at the Eagle Point National Cemetery.

She talked with Conger Morris, talked with the police and then came to the Independent office to explain what she was "up to" and that she needed help putting up the flags.

Kathy Sell made arrangements for some scouts from Troop 48 to help. Beyond that, the scouts and Kathy were in uniform on the bridge, each one standing at attention by a flag and saluting as the procession passed by. Kathy and several of the scouts wanted to see the final ceremony so they went together to the cemetery to observe.

Family and friends placed their hands against the windows or waved in appreciation as they passed by. And, on Monday, Feb. 28, Conger Morris called Helen to thank her for all she did.

Upcoming events:

- Mar. 12- 7 p.m. (Saturday) Exotic Dessert Auction, EPHS Cafeteria
- Mar. 17- St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 21- 25 Spring Break
- Mar. 26- Daffodil Daze, Edgewater Inn, Shady Cove, 10-4 p.m.
- April - 2nd Saturday- Scavenger Hunt
- April 23- Easter Egg Hunt, Eagle Point old Junior High field, 11 a.m. SHARP
- April 24- Easter
- May- 2nd Saturday Vintage Fair
- June-2nd Saturday Yard Sale- WC to Prospect

Have news for the newsletter? Let us know.

Recycle More & More

- Junk metal
- Shredded (strips only) paper in paper bag
- Paper •Boxes (no plastic)
- And commingle*
- Aluminum •Phone books •Tin cans •Plastic bottles #1-7 (no lids)

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