

Chamber to Continue

A group of ten people attended the quarterly Chamber of Commerce meeting and discussed the future of the organization. Poor attendance at meetings and a lack of workers to help with events have been ongoing concerns.

Still, there were many positives and they outweighed the obstacles. There is money in the treasury and that means that events can continue. Insurance is used by Chamber sponsored events and that premium has been paid. Christmas Treasure Chests, Bonus Bucks, Community Rummage Sale, and sponsorship of Schmeckfest are major projects for Chamber and will continue to be a part of their annual events.

Reports:

- Fire Department – There have been a few small calls – small grass fires, false alarms and a 1-car accident. Fireworks have been ordered. Chamber donated \$500 to the fireworks fund.
- Eureka Development – Top Hats ceremonies will be upcoming, assistance was given to the biking group in making arrangements while they were in this area, rental housing is in demand now by construction workers, and tourism events are promoted across the state when ECDC receives information and posters.
- City of Eureka – Sewer problems in one area have caused problems and an emergency meeting was held to find solutions. The speed signs on Highway 10 at the entrances to Eureka let travelers know how fast they are going and also record speeds and the number of vehicles that pass by. In the past quarter 76,000 vehicles passed by the east sign, with 12,000 of them being in violation of the speed limit and the highest speed was in excess of 80 MPH. Slightly fewer counts were seen at the west sign. Dennis Schwingler was appointed to fill a vacancy on the city council for Ward 2. Clean-up has been seen following code enforcement letters.
- HRC – All units are full and there is a waiting list.
- Schmeckfest – Tickets for the meal and entertainment will be on sale at Ken's Food Fair very soon.

The next Chamber meeting will be held on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 pm at the Information Center to plan for the Christmas Treasure Chest promotion.

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