



MINUTES
of the
PINON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Membership Meeting
January 21, 2020

The meeting of Pinon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber Meeting Hall, 10405 Mountain Road, Pinon Hills, CA.

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1800 Hours.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following members were present:

Board members:

Lori Weston, President	Present
Scott Brown, V.P.	Absent/illness
Ed Greany, Secretary	Present
Cheryl Beaman, Treasurer	Present by phone

Directors:

Yvonne Barton, Director	Present
Calissa Bonds, Director	Present
Randy Sampias, Director	Present
Jim Conkle, Director	Present
Bonnie Butler, Director	Present

Visitors present included Diane Ford, President of the Kiwanis club, Savana (our Miss Pinon Hills), and her mother Mrs. Carolyn Phelps.

Minutes

The Secretary had distributed by email the Minutes from last month. Bonnie moved to approve Minutes as published, 2d by Randy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer had distributed via email the current financial report. The report was accepted by the Board.

President's Message & Announcements

Lori introduced the Chamber's involvement with the Pinon Hills Elementary School "Kindness Week". We will participate by supplying readers to read to the students. Reader volunteers will be Yvonne, Jim, Bonnie, Randy, and Carolyn Phelps so far. We need about eight.

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Lori introduced Diane from the Kiwanis Club who announced their Kiwanis Tri-Community Sweetheart Derby on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Pinon Hills Community Center (adjacent to our Chamber building). Doors open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. The \$20 donation includes the dinner and 10 tokens. Diana's phone number is (562) 712-2166 or contact Terry Johnson (760) 868-5125 for more information.

Correspondence

The only correspondence was a premium quotation from Mercer Insurance for our liability and D&O insurance coverages. Scott is absent to offer additional information tonight.

Scholarship Committee

Jim gave a brief mention. More on scholarship later in the meeting.

Audit Committee

Ed reported on the findings of the recent audit performed this month by the audit committee members consisting of Ed, Bonnie, and Robin Greany. The audit was very good and special recognition was given Cheryl and Lori for their input at our inquiries.

Membership Committee

A general discussion about how we can gain members. A suggestion was made regarding mailing renewal statements to all members as a reminder to pay their dues. Motion by Ed to get a Paypal account for ease in making on line dues payments, 2d by Cali, motion passed. Ed to look into setting up the Paypal account for us.

Health Fair

Lori said Sandy is ready to do the Health Fair.

Scholarship

An overview of the scholarship committee progress. We have made contact with Serrano High School and Pinon Hills Elementary School thus far. We decided to add one addition grant increasing the grants from four to five for \$400 each. Dr. Avery, Principal of Pinon Hills Elementary School was ecstatic over our grant intent. Since the curriculum for elementary schools is rigid without much flexibility by the teachers it was suggested a grant be given to the school so all the teachers – and students – may benefit.

Tourism

In the absence of Scott, Jim gave a report. This includes Summerfest below.

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Summerfest

Yvonne said Summerfest is June 5 and 6 this year again at Pinon Hills Elementary School. Bonnie said the simulator is a "Go". Yvonne to look into the printing of the Presale Tickets. Savanna will hand out flyers at the schools and make inquiries about entertainment by the high school students. We want to involve a color guard and possibly having Supervisor Tom Lackey attend. Ed mentioned it would be great to have small "walkie-talkie" radios for all of us working the events. He can provide them for \$15 each. Jim moved to have the Chamber acquire 8 radio units at \$15 each, 2d by Cali, motion carried with one abstention.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1910.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



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February 18, 2020

The meeting of Pinon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber Meeting Hall, 10405 Mountain Road, Pinon Hills, CA.

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1805 Hours.

Pledge of Allegiance

Jim Conkle led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call & Introductions

Board members:

Lori Weston, President Present
Scott Brown, V.P. Present
Ed Greany, Secretary Present
Cheryl Beaman, Treasurer Present

Directors:

Yvonne Barton, Director Absent
Calissa Bonds, Director Present
Randy Sampias, Director Absent
Jim Conkle, Director Present
Bonnie Butler, Director Present

Visitors present included Bill and Carol Elmore.

Guest Speakers

Guest Bill Elmore displayed several items of his artwork of current and past buildings of our area. Some are originals while others are prints of those originals. These items of art are available for purchase pending the Elmore's relocation soon to Orange County.

Next introduced was Ed Greany who elaborated upon his Ways and Means idea consisting of selling dog tags to the public. These resemble military metal dog tags and may be engraved to suit utilizing a *Cricut Explore One* die cutting electronic machine. The Cricut machines are often used to cut patterns of cloth or construction paper for making craft items. It offers precise cuts through materials as diverse as vinyl, leather, cardboard, and fabric. It has a smart set dial for one-step material settings. You can upload your own artwork and use your own lettering. An app allows you to make art on an iPad and upload it to the machine. This machine would be used to engrave a person's name, K9's name, phone number, etc. on one side and could put Chamber info on the reverse. This would allow the Chamber to maintain a database in case of a lost K9.

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Cheryl moved and 2nd by Scott to acquire the Cricut machine, engraving pen, and dog tags with S hooks as proposed by Ed. The total cost should be under \$266. Motion carried. The other expected costs would be envelopes and postage stamps to mail the tags back to the buyer after engraving is completed. Some engraving may possibly be done at the various Chamber events without requiring a mailing.

Minutes

The Secretary distributed the Minutes via email last month. Jim moved to approve Minutes as published, 2d by Scott. Motion carried. Cheryl moved to accept the Minutes of the special meeting, 2nd by Jim. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership

Lori reported that membership dues are not coming in. Mostly the Board are current and a few others but renewals have not been coming in as in past years. It was suggested a call out be made to all unpaid members by approximately ten callers making the massive job more efficient. Cheryl will report on who paid since January 1, 2018 but we will also call those who have never been a member.

Special Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee Apparently Serrano School doesn't have their paperwork from us which was turned in a long time ago. Jim to follow up with the school.

School Reading Program

Jim reported that this will be an on-going program approximately 4 to 6 times throughout the year. The District must approve the program.

Senior Health Days

Sandy Young is the Chamber Chairperson for the Senior Health Day. The date this year is March 26.

Summerfest

Summerfest this year is on June 6 with set up on June 5. Bonnie reported on the pending status including mobile adaption, fire attractions, nutrition, and coloring contest awards. Scott agreed to do the advertising for Summerfest this year.

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Art Show

The art show this year is August 7 and 8.

School Coloring Contest

Bonnie and Jim reported on the school coloring contest at Pinon Hills Elementary. The coloring photos provided by Valerie Piorkowski separated into the various grade levels must be approved by the District. No dates have been decided.

Old Business

Lori brought up business cards for discussion. She can get 1500 cards for about \$58. These will be without our names so we can enter our name to the general card. Ed prefers to print his using an Avery app on heavy cardstock with perforated edges. Jim moved to purchase 1500 cards for \$58, 2nd by Ed. Motion carried with and abstain by Scott.

New Business

Scott announced "Operation Avenal". This is a dumping clean-up on/near Avenal Road from 9-1 Saturday and Sunday. A free Tee shirt and drinks will be provided.

Ed announced some very good specials for T-shirts to sell. He surveyed many sources both local and on line. One in particular is from 4Imprint. The shirts cost \$5.60 any size. We can sell 100 shirts for \$10-\$15 depending on size resulting in a net profit of over \$550. Ed is going to follow up on whether they are screen print or direct print, full color, etc. He also will ask for samples.

For the good of the Chamber

Bonnie reported that our local CERT is now part of North Desert CERT and training is centralized in Hesperia.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2003.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



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March 17, 2020

Due to the Federal and States of Emergency status due to the CCOVID-19 (Corona Virus 2019), the meeting of Pinon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held electrically on line using Zoom Meeting software. This is our first meeting utilizing this software.

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1819 Hours.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present and introduced themselves:

Lori Weston,	President	Present	Yvonne Barton,	Director	Absent
Scott Brown,	Vice Pres	Present	Calissa Bonds,	Director	Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary	Present	Randy Sampias,	Director	Absent
Cheryl Beaman,	Treasurer	Absent	Jim Conkle,	Director	Absent
			Bonnie Butler,	Director	Present

Other members present were:

Robin Greany, Wendy Walker

Minutes

The Secretary previously distributed the Minutes from the February 18, 2020 meeting. Scott moved to approve Minutes as printed, 2d by Cali. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer previously presented a current financial report. The report was accepted by the Board. We were awarded \$4025.

President's Message & Announcements

1. The CSD has cancelled the Health Fair scheduled for later this month.
2. The Snowline Unified School District has closed the schools for the next two weeks: March 16-20 and March 23-27. This closure is noted as the scheduled Spring break.

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3. The adopted Grab-and-Go breakfast, lunch distribution process is still in effect at five sites: Baldy Mesa Elementary School, Pinon Hills Elementary School, Serrano High School, Vista Verde Elementary School, and Wrightwood Elementary School.

Correspondence

No Report

Standing Committee Reports

Audit Committee

No Report

Commercial Maintenance

No Report

Other Committees

High Desert Keepers “Operation Avenal” activity has been suspended.

Membership Committee

A formal email notification was sent to 66 listed email addresses. After eliminating 21 listings the list resulted in 23 Individual members and 37 Business members who have unpaid dues status for 2020. The 21 corrections made to the membership list used were due to individuals residing outside of Pinon Hills, businesses not doing business in Pinon Hills or invalid phone or email data. Per the Bylaws, individual members must reside in Pinon Hills.

Scholarship Committee

A meeting with Julie Barnes reference the Chaparral High School scholarship was cancelled due to the schools being closed.

Tourism / Marketing Committee

Scott spoke with County and they don’t know if they are going to have the grant program again.

Zoom timed out at 1846. The meeting was resumed in a new meeting at 1858.

Special Committee Reports

Nominating Committee (3 members appointed at September meeting)

No Report

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Summerfest Committee

Scott led an extensive conversation regarding advertising, costs, banners, radio, bands, etc.

Old Business

D & O insurance coverage. Did the bill get sent to the Treasurer for payment?

New Business

None

For the good of the Chamber

Report on any unfavorable health status of a member.

Next meeting

The next committee meeting will be March 30 by Zoom at 1830.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1917.

/s/

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



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General Membership Meeting
April 17, 2020

Due to the Federal and States of Emergency status due to the CCOVID-19 (Corona Virus 2019), the meeting of Pinon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held electrically on line using Zoom Meeting software.

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1812 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present and introduced themselves:

Lori Weston,	President	Present	Yvonne Barton,	Director	Present
Scott Brown,	Vice Pres	Present	Calissa Bonds,	Director	Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary	Present	Randy Sampias,	Director	Absent
Cheryl Beaman,	Treasurer	Absent	Jim Conkle,	Director	Absent
			Bonnie Butler,	Director	Present

Other members present were: Alice Harrison and Wendy Walker.

Minutes

The Secretary previously distributed the Minutes from the March 17, 2020 meeting. Bonnie moved to approve Minutes, 2d by Yvonne. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was absent and a report was not available.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

No response or change to the membership as far as Ed knows from his formal email notification sent to email addresses.

Summerfest Committee

Lori announced there has been some email exchanged concerning our Art Show. It was suggested the Art Show have an area for Home Creations done during our period of isolation. We should utilize Facebook heavily to advertise it in unique ways. Some brainstorming on how to do this and ideas should be sent to Scott. He will setup Facebook accordingly.

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Old Business

Lori announced the D & O insurance is postponed until next year. An email vote was taken April 15th on Ed's motion "that we postpone acquiring D&O insurance coverage as planned until the Chamber is in better financial condition." Those voting Aye were Lori, Ed, Cheryl, Randy, Jim and Bonnie. There were no nays. Scott said we need it if we are going to be doing any events.

Next meeting

The next committee meeting will be May 19 by Zoom at 1800.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1843.

/s/

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



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May 19, 2020

Due to the Federal and States of Emergency status due to the CCOVID-19 (Corona Virus 2019), the meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held electrically on line using “Google Meeting” software.

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1800 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present and introduced themselves:

Lori Weston,	President	Present	Yvonne Barton,	Director	Present
Scott Brown,	Vice Pres	Present	Calissa Bonds,	Director	Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary	Present	Randy Sampias,	Director	Absent
Cheryl Beaman,	Treasurer	Present	Jim Conkle,	Director	Present
			Bonnie Butler,	Director	Present

Other members present were: Wendy Walker and Gina Mills.

Minutes

The Secretary previously distributed the Minutes from the April 21, 2020 meeting. Bonnie moved to approve Minutes, 2d by Jim. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer previously emailed her report. There were no questions brought up.

Announcements

Having numerous issues with connectivity, connection, microphone muting, etc. Scott recommended we go back to Zoom. Ed agrees.

Scott reported that Pizza Factory has a fundraising promotion and 40% of the profits will go to fundraising.

Carmen has cancer. Jim said she is in good spirits. She could use some phone calls.

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Hi Desert Keepers is in need of a new truck. They are searching for a 4-door 1-ton diesel. All referrals of a truck for sale appreciated.

Lori discussed a Fundraising proposal. It is a Virtual 5K Run promotion for non-profits by the CSD. This prompted a discussion as to what our Chamber could do.

Committee Reports

Membership

Scott gave a membership application to a metal cutter.

Activities

Scott suggested maybe hosting an Equine Poker Run for 4th of July holiday. This would consist of local businesses holding a deck of cards. As contestants arrive each participating business, the deck would be shuffled and a card picked by the contestant. That card face value would be written on the contestant's player card and he/she would then continue on to the next business. After five card draws, the contestant would proceed to the final check point business (possibly the Big Rock) for winner determination and prize award. A Board Member would be at each participating business to do the shuffling. We need five businesses to participate. Tie scores would be settled by a toss of the coin or card draw for high card.

The potential businesses discussed were CSD, Mills Hardware, Casa Ortega, Big Rock, Chevron, Rick's Café, Mike's Tires, Transition Habitat and Hugo's Tires.

A mention was made this is gambling but if we are not charging an entry fee then we are okay. Gaming requires a 90-day application. We would accept donations, not fees.

We need to get as many people as we can to play and also as many businesses to participate as we can to promote.

We would offer \$20 for first card, \$15 for second card, and \$10 for each additional card played.

We need to determine a prize and how many. Usually they are 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. A TV was suggested if available. Donations could be requested by the businesses.

Scott said we may have to consider a virtual method of playing instead of in person.

Lori was concerned that we eliminate a way of cheating by the contestants.

Scott said he would do the marketing for the Poker Run and prepare a handout that we could give the businesses introducing them to our event.

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Art Show/Faire

Scott reported the date is undetermined. We don't know what September will be like concerning the COVID-19 virus restrictions.

Adjournment

Wendy moved to adjourn. There was no 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 1923.

/s/

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



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June 23, 2020

Due to the Federal and States of Emergency status due to the CCOVID-19 (Corona Virus 2019), the meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held electrically on line using “Zoom” software.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lori at 1800 hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present and introduced themselves:

Lori Weston,	President Present	Yvonne Barton,	Director Present
Scott Brown,	Vice Pres Present	Calissa Bonds,	Director Absent
Ed Greany,	Secretary Present	Randy Sampias,	Director Present
Cheryl Beaman,	Treasurer Present	Jim Conkle,	Director Absent
		Bonnie Butler,	Director Present

Other members present were: Wendy. Jim Conkle joined the meeting at 1835 hours.

Minutes

Cheryl moved to approve the Minutes of the May meeting 2d by Bonnie. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

There was no objection to the Treasurer’s Report from last week’s meeting.

Gas vs Propane

There was a discussion concerning our high gas bill each month. It was suggested to consider switching over to propane which would involve swapping out the gas orifices. A concern was made over potential theft of the propane tank.

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Gas vs Propane (Continued)

A possible solution was to purchase a small tank which could be locked up in our storage shed preventing loss. A better solution was to not use the gas at all except during a meeting and keep it turned off including gas to the hot water heater.

Telephone Service

In an effort to reduce Chamber utilities expenses Lori recommended switching telephone service from Frontier to Race. The cost would be \$35 per month and no forwarding fees which we now pay \$1 per minute. Bonnie moved to make the switch to Race, 2d by Cheryl. Motion carried.

Big Rock to reopen

The Big Rock (bar and grill) is scheduled for a reopening on July 7. Some major enhancements are being done now to the inside. Cocktail tables will be positioned outside at a COVID distancing. All are encouraged and excited over the new opening.

Art Show/Faire

The Art Show date is scheduled in August. Last week Kali had recommended it be changed to September 26 and was now 2nd by Randy. The motion carried. It will be a Virtual event at this time. Artwork will be displayed as before in the Chamber building. We called upon Scott at this time but he had left the meeting without notice at 1835 hours. No further discussion could be done without his input. Ed agreed to promote the Art Show on Facebook with material submitted to him. Wendy to give Ed Facebook access. An email will go out to the directors to submit information for Ed to put on Facebook.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1847.

The next meeting will be July 21.

/s/

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



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General Membership Meeting
July 21, 2020

Due to the Federal and States of Emergency status due to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus 2019), the meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held electrically on line using “Zoom” software.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lori at 1812 hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present and introduced themselves:

Lori Weston,	President Present	Yvonne Barton,	Director Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary Present	Calissa Bonds,	Director Absent
Cheryl Beaman,	Treasurer Present	Randy Sampias,	Director Present
Jim Conkle,	Director Present	Bonnie Butler,	Director Present

Scott Brown, Vice President resigned after the June meeting. A new Vice President will be appointed this evening.

Other members present were: Wendy Walker and Carmen Scherubel.

Minutes

Yvonne moved to approve the Minutes of the June meeting; 2d by Bonnie. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

There was no objection to the Treasurer’s Report.

Election of Officer

Yvonne opened discussion by referring to Napoleon Hill’s Think and Grow Rich quoting the attributes that make a good leader. Those attributes are:

1. Unwavering courage.

Based upon knowledge of self, and of one’s occupation. No follower wishes to be dominated by a leader who lacks self-confidence and courage. No intelligent follower will be dominated by such a leader very long.

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2. Self-control.

The man who cannot control himself, can never control others. Self-control sets a mighty example for one's followers, which the more intelligent will emulate.

3. A keen sense of justice.

Without a sense of fairness and justice, no leader can command and retain the respect of his followers.

4. Definiteness of decision.

The man who wavers in his decisions, shows that he is not sure of himself. He cannot lead others successfully.

5. Definiteness of plans.

The successful leader must plan his work, and work his plan. A leader who moves by guesswork, without practical, definite plans, is comparable to a ship without a rudder. Sooner or later he will land on the rocks.

6. The habit of doing more than paid for.

One of the penalties of leadership is the necessity of willingness, upon the part of the leader, to do more than he requires of his followers.

7. A pleasing personality.

No slovenly, careless person can become a successful leader. Leadership calls for respect. Followers will not respect a leader who does not grade high on all of the factors of a Pleasing Personality.

8. Sympathy and understanding.

The successful leader must be in sympathy with his followers. Moreover, he must understand them and their problems.

9. Mastery of detail.

Successful leadership calls for mastery of details of the leader's position.

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10. Willingness to assume full responsibility.

The successful leader must be willing to assume responsibility for the mistakes and the shortcomings of his followers. If he tries to shift this responsibility, he will not remain the leader. If one of his followers makes a mistake, and shows himself incompetent, the leader must consider that it is he who failed.

11. Cooperation.

The successful leader must understand, and apply the principle of cooperative effort and be able to induce his followers to do the same. Leadership calls for POWER, and power calls for COOPERATION.

A prior nomination was made for Yvonne to accept the office of Vice President. Due to her heavy business modifications to the Big Rock Inn (Bar and Grill) she respectfully declined. Randy was suggested but he prefers not to be any officer. Ed nominated Jim Conkle; 2d by Yvonne. Motion carried. Congratulations Jim. You have the entire Board behind you for support.

Zoom

Unfortunately, Zoom timed out at 1838 hours and Lori had to reinitiate a new Zoom for everyone to re-check in. The new meeting was initiated at 1841 hours. At 1847 hours the following new roll call was conducted showing Lori, Ed, Jim, Yvonne, Bonnie, Cheryl, Yvonne, Wendy and Carmen logged in. This action prompted a discussion on subscribing to Zoom which costs \$150 per year. No decision was made.

Press Release

We need to publish a press release announcing the resignation of Scott Brown and election of Jim Conkle. Included in that press release should be positive items which attract new members.

Lori asked Ed if the radios we purchased would be effective to announce a new emergency procedure and training for our residents. While the FRS radios acquired for the Chamber events will be very good for that purpose, the power and range restrictions would not be good in an emergency situation such as wild fire or earthquake.

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Ham radio would be over-kill in that it would require study and passing a written test to acquire a license. Ed is very involved with his radio club I GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) which requires an FCC license but there is no testing required. The license is approximately \$70 good for 10 years and the entire family could use it. Ed doesn't think radio is the way to attract members.

It is felt we should include a survey in the press release (just to our members) as to how we are doing, what improvements can be made, and what suggestions do you have to the Chamber. Yvonne volunteered to draft the press release for the Board approval. Jim moved to have Yvonne draft the press release; 2d by Ed. Motion carried.

Jim has extensive experience in public speaking and is willing to be a guest speaker in a pod cast video.

Wendy had to leave the meeting at 1923 to catch a rattlesnake. Ooo, be careful.

Big Rock to reopen

The Big Rock (bar and grill) is not scheduled to reopen until September by the Governor's COVID-19 restrictions.

Adjournment

Just as the Board was discussing to adjourn the meeting, the meeting was ended by the Zoom timing out again. Meeting forced to adjourn at 1927.

The next meeting will be August 18.

/s/

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



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August 18, 2020

Due to the Federal and States of Emergency status due to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus 2019), the meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held electrically on line using “Zoom” software. Meeting ID 4432798242, Password Ky1aAj.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lori at 1800 hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present and introduced themselves:

Lori Weston,	President Present	Yvonne Barton,	Director Present
Jim Conkle,	Vice-Pres Absent	Bonnie Butler,	Director Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary Present	Calissa Bonds,	Director Absent
Cheryl Beaman,	Treasurer Present	Randy Sampias,	Director Present
		Vacant,	Director Absent

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Yvonne moved to approve the Minutes of the July meeting; 2d by Cheryl. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

There was no objection to the Treasurer’s Report. Our phone service has been transferred to Race. Normal email addressed to our “info” email address will be answered by the Secretary. Other more specific “info” email will be answered by the respective subject party.

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President's announcements

Lori started by referring to an email from Jim concerning our future events. Jim doesn't see any events for the remainder of 2020 due to COVID-19 virus. He also suggested the possibility of offering rides to our citizens to the voting poll site(s). Based on the liability and distances involved the decision was to not enter into this service.

Press Release

Lori previously shared a copy of an email memo for COVID Compliant Business Partnership Program Updates/Adjustments/Webinars. It looks like funds are available for eligible non-profits with a storefront or physical space. After a brief discussion, it was decided not to pursue any funds. This would involve inspections and visitors whom we do not desire that may bring to the attention of some concerning any ADA deficiencies to our dated building.

Wendy has started her own business growing native plants. Her business is called Sun Dog Nursery.

Damage to Building

We were notified earlier this month of a VVTA bus mirror hitting the fascia board/eaves of our roof overhand to our building. The driver properly reported the incident and we were contacted by the insurance adjustor. Upon our own close inspection, we determine the damage to be insignificant to file a claim. Ed will respond to the adjustor tomorrow. We compliment the driver for honesty showed.

During the inspection process by Ed, he recommends we repaint the building. The building has been touched up by former President Bill Davison to cover up some graffiti to the front and side walls. This was a similar but different color paint and not covered wall-wall, top-to-bottom. It was a patch up to immediately cover graffiti.

Ed recommends we sponsor a "Paint Party" for a future Saturday to paint all the external cinder block of the building in one color with good paint. Ed further recommends we contact VVTA for a possible donation of 5 gallons of paint not to be considered as a settlement or a bribe for our decision not to file a claim for damages by the bus. He recommends we involve our Princess Savana to solicit some of her school girlfriends as volunteers and be assigned volunteer manager for our project. All were in favor of this project. Ed will follow up by contacting the VVTA for a donation. Bonnie mentioned Kiwanis has a program for their kids to do community service who we may contact also.

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Adjournment

It was decided to table a discussion about our Board members count. Meeting adjourn at 1849.

The next meeting will be September 15.

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Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



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General Membership Meeting via Zoom
September 15, 2020

Based on the Federal and States' Emergency COVID-19 status (Corona Virus 2019), the meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held electrically on line using "Zoom" software. Meeting ID: 822 9938 5203; Passcode: 612271
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82299385203?pwd=TkUxQnN1ODZDcURvcEdRNVJtWnZJUT09>

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lori at 1807 hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present and introduced themselves:

Lori Weston,	President Present	Yvonne Barton,	Director Present
Jim Conkle,	Vice-Pres Present	Bonnie Butler,	Director Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary Present	Calissa Bonds,	Director Absent
Cheryl Beaman,	Treasurer Present	Randy Sampias,	Director Present
		Vacant,	Director Absent

Lori mentioned she has a potential Director to fill our vacancy. She is Vicki Graves, a real estate broker who once worked with Carolyn McNamara. Ed mentioned he was going to ask Wendy if she would consider the position also. Wendy has a new job and has her hands full right now so she declined the offer.

President's announcements

Lori started the meeting with addressing COVID limitations for meetings and gatherings. We as a Chamber must adapt and conform to the changes in these times. One change is resorting to Zoom video meetings vs in person meetings. Lori wants to spend money on advertising in order to develop membership. Ed mentioned that membership does not bring in enough funds to even cover one month's Chamber expenses and we need to develop more ideas for revenue.

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Minutes

Yvonne moved to approve the Minutes of the August meeting; 2d by Cheryl. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

There was no objection to the Treasurer's Report. Cheryl mentioned we no longer have Frontier and our Race monthly should be about \$45.

Damage to Building

Ed covered some conversations he had with VVTA Procurement Manager Christine Plasting. He explained the Chamber does not intend to file a claim and will put the matter aside. As a separate conversation however without any pressure or influence with respect to the damage to our building, we would certainly gladly accept a donation from VVTA for paint to apply to our building.

Ed was able to acquire 5 gallons of matching color from Home Depot a day when he was in the store and it was on sale that day only. He purchased the 5 gallons and also got a 10% military discount on it. The total is \$75.43. Ed will follow up with VVTA. Cheryl moved to reimburse Ed for the paint, 2d by Bonnie. Motion carried. The paint party volunteers are Ed, Jim, Bonnie, Cheryl, Savanna and her Mom. No specific date has been set.

Special Event

After some discussion about revenue raising a suggestion was made to have some kind of fair at the Big Rock with Yvonne's approval. The will not be a yard sale or swap meet. Rather, it will attract business owners in Pinon Hills to share their products and service to the community. It might be a Business Fair, a Crafters Fair or Artisan Fair as examples. The date will be November 7th from around 10 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m. Right on busy highway 138 should be good exposure for us. The committee will consist of Yvonne, Wendy and Ed for planning.

Adjournment

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting, 2d by Randy. Motion carried. The next meeting will be October 20 via Zoom.

/s/

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



MINUTES
of the
PINON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Membership Meeting
October 20, 2020

Based on the Federal and States' Emergency COVID-19 status (Corona Virus 2019), the meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held electronically on-line using "Zoom" software. (Meeting ID: 720 0197 2801; Passcode: 029827)

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1806 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present and introduced themselves:

Lori Weston,	President Present	Yvonne Barton,	Director Absent
Jim Conkle,	Vice-Pres Present	Bonnie Butler,	Director Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary Present	Calissa Bonds,	Director Absent
Cheryl Beaman,	Treasurer Present	Randy Sampias,	Director Present
		Vacant,	Director Absent

Jeanne Mills was a visiting member.

Minutes

The Secretary distributed the Minutes from last month. Bonnie moved to approve Minutes as published, 2d by Cheryl. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer previously published a current financial report and was acknowledged by the Board.

President's Message & Announcements

Lori addressed the donation by the VVTA for paint for the Chamber building. She has some items to donate to the cause and we will have to schedule a "paint party" soon.

Lori mentioned Carmen's passing and the donation request we received for her cremation. Randy moved to donation \$100 for such cause, 2d by Cheryl. Motion carried.

Membership Publication

Jeanne announced an 8-Page Publication that will be a center insert in the NewsPlus newspaper called "Home 4 the Holidays". There are four options with no charge. This is to publicize our local businesses so the public can know who they are.

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Happenings

The Business Fair scheduled for November 7th is cancelled but we should be planning for one in the spring.

Yvonne is volunteering on Thanksgiving Day to hand out dinners to essential workers in our community who are working on that day and can accept outside food in their establishments. If not, the food will go to the many homeless camps around town.

Have a Happy Halloween in the StaterBros parking lot.

Bonnie is having a *Trick or Treats* happening.

Adjournment

Our next meeting will be November 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 0645.

Submitted by _____, Secretary



NOTES
of the
PINON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Membership Meeting
November 17, 2020

Based on the Federal and States' Emergency COVID-19 status (Corona Virus 2019), the meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held electronically on-line using "Zoom" software. (Meeting ID: 876 3817 9898; Passcode: 214029)

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1800 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following 3 Board members and Directors were present and introduced themselves:

Lori Weston,	President Present	Cheryl Beaman, Director Out of area
Bonnie Butler,	Director Present	Jim Conkle, Vice-Pres Out of area
Ed Greany,	Secretary Present	Yvonne Barton, Director Out of area
Randy Sampias,	Director Absent	Calissa Bonds, Director Absent
		Vacant, Absent

President's Message & Announcements

Due to a lack of a quorum for this meeting, no business can be conducted.

Adjournment

Our next meeting will be December 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1810.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



NOTES
of the
PINON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Membership Meeting
December 16, 2020

Based on the Federal and States' Emergency COVID-19 status (Corona Virus 2019), the meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held electronically on-line using "Zoom" software.

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1800 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following 3 Board members and Directors were present and introduced themselves:

Lori Weston,	President Present	Cheryl Beaman, Present
Bonnie Butler,	Director Present	Jim Conkle, Vice-Pres Absent
Ed Greany,	Secretary Present	Yvonne Barton, Director (resigning)
Randy Sampias,	Director Absent	Vacant, Absent
		Vacant, Absent

President's Message & Announcements

The November election was tabled due to lack of quorum. We also have a vacancy. We need to canvass our membership list for potential candidates for a Board position. There was discussion about reducing the number of Directors. Ed did not know without referring to the Bylaws. He can report at the next meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes for the November 17th meeting were emailed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Financial report was emailed by the Treasurer and acknowledgement of receipt.

Improvements to Chamber Building

Ed reported on a recent painting party to paint the Chamber building after receiving a donation from the Victor Valley Transit Authority for the five gallons of paint required. This was initiated due to some damage to the fascia board of the roof by a transit bus. We, the Chamber are considering this a settlement to any claim for damages.

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More Announcements

Lori reported that the County of San Bernardino is asking the community how they (the County) can help our business. Some ideas are to: 1) lower or eliminate permit costs for building outdoor patio areas for those businesses serving food and alcohol beverages, and 2) create a committee to reach out to each business and ask what can the County do for them.

The County of San Bernardino has assisted in submitting for Business Partnership Program – the County has set aside \$5,000 for the Pinon Hills Chamber in support of Chamber outreach. Funds to be available at some point in the future.

The County of San Bernardino Tourism Incentive Program has been extended through May. The monies applied for and granted need to be used by then. The Chamber has received \$3,000 with another \$2,000 available for marketing under the current contract. Changing up to Virtual promotion needs to be discussed and implemented as COVID restrictions are expected well into 2021.

Adjournment

Our next meeting will be January 19, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 1935.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary