



NOTES
of the
PINON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Membership Meeting
January 19, 2021

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 Board members and Directors were present and introduced themselves:

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

The following individuals were visitors to our meeting:

1. Kimberly Mesen, District Director for the San Bernardino Board of Supervisors 1st District. Col. Paul Cook, (Ret) is our Board of Supervisor for the 1st District. Kimberly is our direct point of contact with the Board for S.B. County issues.
2. Jeanna Mills of Mills Hardware. Jeanna is also on the Phelan Chamber of Commerce Board. Lori invited her to our meeting and to consider membership along with a Board position.

Jim tried many times to access the Zoom meeting without success while Randy went to the Chamber building expecting the meeting to be in person.

President's Message & Announcements

We do not have a quorum to conduct this meeting without at least one of the missing men in the Zoom meeting. The November election was tabled also due to lack of quorum and we also have three vacancies. We need to canvass our membership list for potential candidates for a Board position or reduce the number of required Directors. Ed referred to the Bylaws and reducing the number on the Board will require a Bylaws change.

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Kimberly Mesen introduced herself and what she can do for us with respect to the County Board of Supervisors office. She shared her contact information with us.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1841 hours. Our next meeting will be February 16, 2021.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



MINUTES
of the
PINON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Membership Meeting
February 16, 2021

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 1815 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

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

Lori Weston,	President, Present	Cheryl Beaman, Treasurer, Present
Bonnie Butler,	Director, Present	Jim Conkle, Vice-Pres, Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary, Present	Vacancy, Absent
Randy Sampias,	Director, Absent	Vacancy, Absent
Vacancy,	Absent	

The following individuals were visitors to our meeting:

Wendy Walker and Kimberly Mesen, District Director for the San Bernardino Board of Supervisors 1st District.

Each person on the call introduced themselves and what they do.

Lori inquired if anyone has an applicant to consider for a position on the Board. Ed had contacted several potential candidates whom all declined. We have THREE vacancies on our 2021 Board that need to be filled.

Minutes

Jim moved to accept the December Minutes as publishes, 2d by Cheryl. Motion approved.

The minutes for January were distributed as "Notes" since that meeting did not have a quorum.

Treasurer's Report

A report was sent to all Directors earlier in the month. Lori mentioned dues are low. Not all Board Members have paid their dues either.

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President's Message & Announcements

We need to pay our liability insurance for 2021. Ed moved to pay the annual premium of \$328.25, 2d by Jim. Motion approved.

Lori said we have some COVID funds from the County and don't know what to do with it. Ed inquired if there are any instructions or conditions attached to it. Apparently there are none therefore Ed recommends we simply deposit it in our bank.

The Chamber received a \$3000 Tourism Grant which we must spend before the end of May with another \$2000 available for marketing under the current contract. A virtual promotion was discussed. Jim suggested we put a program developing a magazine publication highlighting our business members. It could have a small square ad for each Chamber member and some stories about some of the businesses who are members of our Chamber. This could be distributed at the Library, in real estate storefronts, etc. and mailed upon request. Jim suggested looking at his Route 66 Group on line and read about his Stimulus Project. It was decided Jim would get the ball rolling.

Our Chamber Building shed suffered some storm (wind) damage to the roof last week. Ed said he inspected the roof from the ground and feels it is minor damage mostly to the first couple of rows of shingles on the back side. Four or five shingles are on the ground. He feels repairs could be done for \$100. We could get help from our friend up the road who helped us with the Chamber Building paint party this year. Lori moved that we spend \$100 for materials and \$100 in labor hiring this man to repair our shed roof 2d by Bonnie. Motion carried. Ed will contact the laborer.

Summerfest

Our Summerfest this year will probably have to be a Virtual event due to COVID restrictions. We will need volunteers. Ideas were thrown about such as having an auction, televised or a food truck festival combined with brewery or a music festival. Nothing was finalized or decided.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1914 hours. Our next meeting will be March 16, 2021.

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Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



MINUTES
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General Membership Meeting
March 16, 2021

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 1810 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present:

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

Lori inquired if anyone has an applicant to consider for a position on the Board. We have THREE vacancies on our 2021 Board that need to be filled. No candidates recommended.

Minutes

Cheryl moved to accept the December Minutes as published, 2d by Bonnie. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

A report was sent to all Directors earlier in the month.

Membership:

Dues are needing to be paid ASAP! Lori mentioned dues are low. Our paid members are:

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| LAW9089 | Mother Road Enterprises | Road Dogs Express, Inc. |
| Mills Hardware | Transition Habitat Conservancy | Mountaineer Progress |
| Mojave Water Agency | Toilet Paper Oil Filter Company | Cheryl Beaman |

Scholarship:

We will postpone to next year.

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Virtual Talent Contest.

1. Volunteers needed to plan and move forward with 2021 Summerfest. It was suggested we do a virtual talent contest in lieu of our traditional Summerfest. It can be done via Zoom from the contestant's home or submissions sent to our website. We will need judges.
2. It would be nice if we had a celebrity that would allow a photo session with the winner(s). Perhaps the school music directors have some knowledge of some professionals/celebrities.
3. Three levels: Beginner, Experienced, and Advanced. We to determine the category after reviewing the submissions.
4. Prizes: Trophies to be considered or photo with celebrity.
5. Marketing: Promote in the Snowline School District schools, through Facebook, and with flyers at StatorBros.
6. No entrance fees.
7. Solicit our businesses / members.
8. No professionals.
9. Jim will do the press release.

Roof Repair:

Our Chamber Building shed suffered recent storm (wind) damage to the roof. Contact was made with Christian to help do roof repairs to the shingles. He assisted us with our recent paint party of the Chamber building. Most of the damage was to the lower rows of shingles on the back side. Upon inspection, the sagging plywood roofing will need to be address in the near future. Two packages of shingles and a bucket of roofing nails were donated by Ed for this job. Christian was paid the \$100 approved amount and the job looks good.

Liability Insurance COVID refunds:

Cheryl reported our 2021/22 liability insurance policy is paid. Our two partial premium refunds for 2020/21 year were received.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1939 hours. Our next meeting will be April 20, 2021.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



MINUTES
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PINON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Membership Meeting
April 20, 2021

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 1805 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present:

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

Guests:

Charlie Johnson, Wendy Walker, Diana & Walter Ford, Kimberly Mesen (Representing Office of Paul Cook's office), Terry & Leslie Twitchell, Brandon Roque (Representing Office of Tom Lackey's office), Maria Rivera.

Lori inquired if anyone has an applicant to consider for a position on the Board. We still have THREE vacancies on our 2021 Board that need to be filled. No candidates recommended.

Minutes

Ed advised an error in the February and March Minutes whereby the motion to approve the prior month's Minutes indicate December by error. These changes have been made to correct. Jim moved to accept the corrected March Minutes as published, 2d by Bonnie. Motion approved.

Marketing Directory Budget

Rebrand "Gateway to San Bernardino County". We need marketing budget approval. We plan for 1000 magazines. Our funds we must spend from the County grant is \$4010.32. Ed moved to accept \$4035 as our budget, 2d by Bonnie. Motion carried.

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Illegal Activity initiative

Charlie Johnson discussed the theft of water in the community. We suffer from them hooking up to our water meters and using the plastic cage containers, hooking up to fire hydrants and taking the containers to their grow location. It is a misdemeanor and difficult to get the District Attorney to file on it because of this. They do not have proper tools and they damage our equipment. There is a possible water quality problem if we get a back flow problem. Some actually have water meters. It adversely affects the community. We have had Sheriff's respond but not with a lot of enthusiasm. It is regulated by Code Enforcement. PPHCSD has hired a security company to help protect our assets. Charlie gave us the following URL: <https://sbcountyus.force.com/lus/mbl/servicetypes>.

Lori explained her proposed form letter to go out to the community so everyone can express their voice. These letters will go to Code Enforcement.

Kimberly Mesen mentioned the Supervisor has the illegal growers in his next year's budget.

We need to determine how to tell the difference between hemp farms and illegal marijuana growers. Hemp growers are not going to be challenged.

We are not just selecting the illegal growers. We are looking at issues such as mail theft, vandalism, and graffiti, explosions (not confused by fireworks).

Walter Ford suggests doing something on a federal level.

Brandon Roque suggests reaching out our congressman's office.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Marketing Magazine

I want to recognize and thank Jim for his effort with the Marketing Magazine and the wonderful history report we received from the "Sheep Creek Water Company covering 1913 to 2003".

Jim reported that the Magazine is a "tool" which will satisfy the grant requirement and assist with membership. We will have to get advertisers.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim. The meeting adjourned at 2002 hours. Our next meeting will be May 18, 2021.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



MINUTES
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General Membership Meeting
May 18, 2021

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 1807 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present:

Lori Weston,	President, Present	Cheryl Beaman,	Treasurer, Present
Jim Conkle,	Vice-Pres, Present	Bonnie Butler,	Director, Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary, Present	Randy Sampias,	Director, Present

Guests: Don Fish of NewsPlus and Wendy Walker of Transition Habitat, and Robin Greany.

Lori inquired of Ed if he has anyone to consider for a position on the Board. We still have THREE vacancies on our 2021 Board that need to be filled. No candidates recommended. Lori mentioned we have new members joining.

Minutes

Randy moved to accept the Minutes as published, 2d by Bonnie. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Report was emailed to all Board Members.

Marketing Directory Budget

A thorough discussion about our pending magazine managed by Jim with input from Ed and Lori is progressing nice. It was decided not to purchase an ad with Facebook but rather see how the magazine is received first. We can promote it with our own social media outlets (Pain in the Pass, SB County, Linked-in, Supervisor Cook's office, etc.) It was decided to table any Budget.

Ed recommended Randy join up with Jim to give his 20+ year experience living here with stories, photos, history events, etc. Don Fish reported that an article is coming out in the next NewsPlus.

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Committee Reports

Membership:

Cheryl will provide membership information to the Board after the meeting. She provided the following after the meeting:

Casa Ortega	John R. Beyer	Roaddogs Express, Inc.
CERT – Phelan/Pinon Hills	LAW9089	The Big Rock Inn
Cheryl Beaman, Realtor	Mills Hardware, Inc.	The Toilet Paper Oil Filter Co.
Crystalaire Country Club	Mojave Water Agency	Vicki Graves, Realtor
Davison Electric, Inc.	Mother Road Enterprises	Transition Habitat Conservancy
Energy Free, Ins.	Mountaineer Progress 1	Kiwanis Club of the Tri-Community
	Phelan Honey Farm	

Marketing/Member Directory:

Phelan Fun Days – No definite word yet; it is in Limbo per Don Fish.

Hesperia Days – Duck Race. Lori said we are selling tickets for this event.

Virtual Talent Show - Ed shared an entry (Acrylic painting of Peacock by Robin).

Illegal Activity initiative:

Ongoing efforts to unify the community in support of initiative is progressing. Meetings and conversations with community residents and businesses support the action. Lori suggests we follow up to NewsPlus article and draft a form letter for residents to sign in support of action has been made.

Other areas for discussion

Ed reported we are receiving a partial rebate in the amount of \$18.44 from Mouser (our General Liability Insurance) since we qualify for the refund due to a reduction of exposure due to COVID-19 related impacts for period Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2021. We can probably expect another one next quarter also.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1918 hours. Our next meeting will be June 15, 2021 at the Chamber Building.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary

The following motions were done outside of a Board or General Membership meeting and conducted via emails among the Board Members. Lori instructed the Secretary to post them for future reference.

April 28, 2021

Ed moved to purchase 2 locksets for Chamber building as described below: 2d by Bonnie.

Tylo Satin Combo Lockset by Kwikset. The price of this combo is \$27.46 +tax which does come in 3 finishes and can be shipped to someone for free. The total expenditure \$59.73 computed using 8.75% sales tax.

Please note the cart at Home Depot payment options using PayPal. This method does allow bank accounts to complete the transaction so that a reimbursement will not be needed.

- Lori – Yea
- Jim – Yea
- Ed – Yea
- Cheryl – Yea
- Bonnie – Yea
- Randy – Yea

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Ed moved to offer the Chamber building to this small church group with a rate of \$25 per 2 hour increments, in addition to this monetary requisite this group shall be responsible for utility usage above our current billings (electricity, gas, water) AND shall be required to affect CDC guideline cleaning measures (kitchen, restroom, tables, chairs, doors - knobs & locks) within the building. 2d by Bonnie.

- Lori – Yea
- Jim –
- Ed – Yea
- Cheryl – Yea
- Bonnie – Yea
- Randy – Yea

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May 7, 2021

Cheryl moved to purchase an “*AquaSource Ultra-High Efficiency White WaterSense Round Chair Height 2- Piece Toilet 12-in Rough-In Size (ADA Compliant) Item #1170081 Model #MT-20205N*” available at Lowes for \$139 for the Chamber building. Motion 2d by Bonnie.

- Lori – Yea
- Jim – Yea
- Ed – Yea
- Cheryl – Yea
- Bonnie – Yea
- Randy – Yea



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General Membership Meeting
June 15, 2021

The meeting of Pinon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber Meeting Hall, 10405 Mountain Road, Pinon Hills, CA 92372.

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1800 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present:

Lori Weston,	President, Present	Cheryl Beaman,	Treasurer, Present
Jim Conkle,	Vice-Pres, Present	Bonnie Butler,	Director, Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary, Present	Randy Sampias,	Director, Present

Guests: Michael Palecki of *Mountaineer Progress*, and Wendy Walker of Transition Habitat, and Robin Greany.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lori.

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

Lori inquired of Ed if he has anyone to consider for a position on the Board. We still have THREE vacancies on our 2021 Board that need to be filled. No candidates recommended.

Minutes

Bonnie moved to accept the Minutes as published, 2d by Cheryl. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Report was emailed to all Board Members.

Membership

Cheryl reported we have 5 new paid members.

Illegal Activity initiative

Lori and Bonnie contributed information regarding all the crimes in the area.

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Building for our Future

Ed gave a presentation with handouts concerning a Capital Campaign for the purpose of raising money to acquire a real estate asset for the Pinon Hills Chamber of Commerce. It can be either an existing facility or we can build on a property with a new building that will promote the Chamber, the community, and host to events. We have outgrown this building as evidenced by a full house tonight with limited seating. We certainly cannot invite all our Chamber members to a meeting. The goal is \$2,000,000. The facility would include a multi-media conference center, executive suite, member refreshment center and plenty of parking. Hosting more than 1000 visitors annually, the large conference room will serve as the hub of Chamber activities. Ed explained we first need a Feasibility Study. There are a couple website of other Chambers who did this. See River Region Chamber of Commerce as an example.

Community Plan Conformance

Lori addressed a new facility coming to Phelan. It is by the TNRE Company. Lori is trying to see if she can have Frank Lauro, the Sr. Project Development Manager for the project come and speak to us. TNRE develops, builds, owns and operates organics processing facilities. They claim to produce organic rich compost and renewable energy while reducing GHG emissions by missing organics and convert to renewable energy and organic compost. There is an existing facility in San Bernardino off I-215 across from California State University at San Bernardino. Do we want their trash/garbage using unknown quantity of our water to produce compost material? This is the question.

Marketing/Member Directory

Jim reported on our pending magazine. It is going to be 1000 copies of a 24-page hard copy and a 48-page digital version. There will be some “cliff hangers” to encourage readers to read the digital version and/or see it printed in a future copy. At this time we are not proposing any future copies but seeing the reception we have so far with advertising it looks promising. A summer copy and a winter copy is a possibility. Jim shared a draft copy. An inquiry surfaced why the front cover photo shows the flat land portion of Pinon Hills and since our name is Pinon Hills should we show a photo of those hills. Wendy will see if she has a nice photo which would show off our hills suitable for the magazine. Jim still needs articles and business cards from certain individuals.

More into at:

https://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/tf/Attachments/Minutes_Attachments/2021_Attachments/TNRE_Presentation_4.15.2021.pdf

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Committee Reports

Summerfest

Summerfest is cancelled for this year.

Talent Show (formerly Virtual Talent Show)

This event is tabled to concentrate more on the Art Show.

Art Show

The Art Show will be October 16 in the Chamber building. It will allow one entry per person. The definition of “art” will be a broad one.

Membership

Previously reported on.

Other matters to discuss

Ed installed new door locksets but our new toilet still needs to be installed by a plumber.

The lease to the church is awaiting them acquiring a proper insurance binder for us. We will need to limit the number of attendees so as not to violate occupancy limits. That may be as low as ten. *(This is one reason why we need a new building).*

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1951 hours.

Cheryl brought refreshments which we all enjoyed. Thank you Cheryl. Our next meeting will be July 20, 2021.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



MINUTES
of the
PINON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Membership Meeting
July 20, 2021

The meeting of Pinon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber Meeting Hall, 10405 Mountain Road, Pinon Hills, CA 92372. It was also available on Zoom.

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1740 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present:

Lori Weston,	President, Present	Cheryl Beaman, Treasurer, via Zoom
Jim Conkle,	Vice-Pres, Present	Bonnie Butler, Director, Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary, Present	Randy Sampias, Director, Present

Guests include: Michael Palecki of *Mountaineer Progress*, Wendy Walker of Transition Habitat, Director Deborah Philips of PPHCSD with husband Josh, Rebecca Kujawa of Phelan Chamber of Commerce, Diana Ford of the Kiwanis and Pinon Hills Chamber member Robin Greany. CSD Director Charlie Johnson, Jo Ann Tidwell of J. Tidwell Associates and Jeanna Mills of True Value Hardware attended via Zoom.

Our invited guest speakers included Sr. Project Development Manager Frank Lauro, VP of Energy Services Bernard Fenner from Switzerland, and Consultant David Farrian all from True North Renewable Energy (TNRE).

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lori.

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

Lori inquired of Ed if he has anyone to consider for a position on the Board. We still have vacancies on our 2021 Board that need to be filled. No candidates recommended.

Minutes

Bonnie moved to accept the Minutes as published, 2d by Randy. Motion carried.

***Minutes of the Pinon Hills Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
(Continued)***

Treasurer's Report

Report was emailed to all Board Members.

Lori adjourned the meeting at 1748 hours to have the guests speakers from TNRE speak.

TNRE develops, builds, owns and operates organics processing facilities. They produce organic rich compost and renewable energy while reducing GHG emissions by mixing organics and convert them into renewable energy and organic compost. There is an existing facility in San Bernardino off I-215 across from California State University at San Bernardino.

They are building an 84 acres facility north of Rancho and east of Sheep Creek Roads west of Adelanto. This facility will be an all enclosed operation whereby none of the incoming waste product is exposed. This eliminates unpleasurable odors and unsightly piles of material in the neighborhood. They will be accepting food waste, vegetation waste, and other organic materials for processing into fertilizer and recoverable natural gas which will be fed into Edison's gas lines that lead to Palmdale for distribution. In the future residents will be able to bring their pick-up truck and fill up with their fertilizer/mulch material at no cost. Their presentation was educational and well received by all who attended.

More can be learned here:

https://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/tf/Attachments/Minutes_Attachments/2021_Attachments/TNRE_Presentation_4.15.2021.pdf

Jim reported on our magazine. We printed 1000 copies of the 24-page edition and 100 copies of the 60-page version. The magazine looks great and distribution has begun.

Ed reminded us that we need to replace our Treasurer. Cheryl is leaving us but will remain as a Director. Bonnie was nominated to accept the position and a vote passed without objection.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1849 hours.

Lori brought refreshments which we all enjoyed. Thank you Lori. Our next meeting will be August 17, 2021.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



MINUTES
of the
PIÑON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Membership Meeting
August 17, 2021

The meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber Meeting Hall, 10405 Mountain Road, Piñon Hills, CA 92372. It was also available on Zoom.

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1804 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present:

Lori Weston,	President, Present	Bonnie Butler,	Treasurer, Present
Jim Conkle,	Vice-Pres, Present	Cheryl Beaman,	Director, Present
Ed Greany,	Secretary, Present	Randy Sampias,	Director, Present

Guests included: Chamber member Robin Greany and neighbors Chuck and Lynda McLain.

Kimberly Mesen (Representing Office of Paul Cook's office) attended via Zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ed Greany.

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

Lori said she is looking at filling the Board with Wendy Walker and Gina Mills. Wendy will not work on any committee.

Minutes

Jim moved to accept the Minutes as published, 2d by Randy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Report was emailed to all Board Members.

Announcements

Lori reported the Piñon Hills Directory/Magazine is now available – 'Summer 2021 Edition' is a collection of stories gathered as an introduction to some of the early pioneers of the Mojave Desert. As the *Gateway to San Bernardino County*, Piñon Hills businesses are on the front line.

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Announcements - Continued

This publication is intended to promote the unique cottage industry and the artisan(s) within I am asking all businesses to prepare a brief introduction – tell us about you, what inspires the products you create and how travelers may purchase them. The on-line version of the magazine is ready, and we are looking forward to sharing your story next.

New Business

Committee Reports

- **Membership** – Cheryl noted one new member in particular and thinks there were one or two others.
- **Marketing/Member Directory** – Jim proposed getting some 4-page flyers to flood the market and promote the directory. We would not have individual business card free advertising again. Jim suggested a workshop on how/why a new magazine should be necessary. Jim moved to form a \$100 budget for the magazine for sending to elected officials, 2d by Bonnie, motion carried.
- **Nominating Committee** – Lori polled the present Board as to whether they will continue to serve again next year. All agreed to.
- **Summerfest Committee** – We have the annual Art Show pending. Lori shared some postcards we could have made up. She also purchased some flashy balloons.

Lori asked Chuck and Lynda to say what brought them to Piñon Hills. Chuck and Lynda came to the High Desert from the Bay area. They liked SoCal and have relatives here. Sandy Young helped them decide on Piñon Hills.

It was determined we need a Social Media Committee. Jim is chairman with members Bonnie, Wendy, and Ed. This will be to change our Facebook status from a Page to a Group.

Phelan Phun Days will display business cards and volunteer booth. Wendy and Ed to do ID dog tags. Lori bought 50 balloons to sell for \$10 each.

Tonight's speaker was Ed presenting his Refiner oil filter. This is an oil filter for an engine that utilizes a simple roll of toilet paper as the filtering media. Ed has done this for about 20 years and about 6 years as the manufacturer of the filter.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2005 hours.

Lori brought refreshments which we all enjoyed. Thank you Lori. Our next meeting will be September 21, 2021.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



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PIÑON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Membership Meeting
September 21, 2021

The meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber Meeting Hall, 10405 Mountain Road, Piñon Hills, CA 92372.

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1820 Hours.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present:

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

Guests included: Robert Blue.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Blue.

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

Minutes

Bonnie moved to accept the Minutes as published, 2d by Cheryl. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Report was emailed to all Board Members.

Announcements

Lori, Cheryl and Randy will run the booth at Phelan Phun Days, where they will try to sell some more copies of the magazine and get artists to sign up for the art show on October 16, 2021.

Lori announced we will need new posters and flyers to hang up around town and pass out at Phelan Phun Days. We can use the same format from the last art show but the dates need to be changed. Robert Blue said he could change the date on the flyers with the new date. He will scan them in and change the dates and email the final copy back to us so we can have new flyers and posters printed up.

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Announcements - Continued

The board agreed to have 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Mayors Choice and Peoples Choice ribbons at the art show. Robert Blue suggested for the Peoples Choice we charge \$1.00 for each vote the public would like to make.

Jim asked who we contact about the traffic signal at Phelan Road & Beekley Road. They are on timers instead of being triggered by the flow of traffic. Motorists are starting to run red lights because of the long wait at the traffic signal. Lori said she would look into it.

Committee Reports

- **Membership** – Cheryl noted no new members signed up in September.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours.

Cheryl brought refreshments.

Our next meeting will be October 19, 2021.

Submitted by Cheryl Beaman, Treasurer



MINUTES
of the
PIÑON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board and General Membership Meeting
October 26, 2021

The meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber building at 10405 Mountain Road, Piñon Hills, CA 92372 and also electronically on-line using “Zoom” software.

Call to Order

Vice-president Jim Conkle called the meeting to order at 1800 Hours. This meeting is to facilitate the prior assembly held on October 16th that was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim.

Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present in person:

Jim Conkle, Vice-president, Present Bonnie Butler, Director, Present
Randy Sampias, Director, Present

The following Board members and Directors were present on line using Zoom:

Lori Weston, President, Present Ed Greany, Secretary, Present
Cheryl Beaman, Treasurer, Present

Chamber Members present via Zoom included:

Charlie Johnson, Robin Greany, Wendy Walker, Michael Palecki, Rebecca Kujawa, Midge Nicosia, John Blalock, and Jeanna Mills.

Guests included:

Debbie McAfee, Debra Jasper, Robert Blue, three members of BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) “Lulu”, “Reaper”, and “Hucklebearer”.

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Minutes

Randy moved to accept the Minutes as previously published, 2d by Bonnie. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was emailed to all Board Members.

Nominations of Officers and Directors –

President: Lori Weston

Vice-president: Jim Conkle

Secretary: Ed Greany

Treasurer: Jeanna Mills

Director 1: Bonnie Butler

Director 2: Charlie Johnson

Director 3: Robert "Blue" Blue

Director 4: Wendy Walker

Director 5: Randy Sampias

Elections of Officers and Directors will be at the November General Membership Meeting on November 16th.

Committee Reports

Art Show – Jim reported the Art Show is cancelled.

Items for discussion

Charlie introduced an email discussion between Lori and Ed. These were apparent pending motions by Lori to change a couple of policy & procedural guidelines and the responses by Ed to each item.

#1 - I move to reduce the number of Board/General meetings to quarterly for the 2022 calendar year. Basically that means 4 official Board of Director meetings.

For a well-oiled machine that needs less attention this could work. However, the PH CoC is far from being a well-oiled organization that pleads for a bandage to stem the hemorrhage. This will call for perhaps MORE meetings not less meetings.

With thoughts and ideas and input from the members it was decided to keep the monthly meetings to 10 per Bylaws or 12 per year as was done in recent years.

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#2 - I move to create a committee (to alleviate quorum guidelines) for the purpose of fundraising events - specifically Summerfest and Art Show - which will meet via technology. Reporting progress via email on a monthly basis for inclusion to official minutes which will be viewed as they occur (& corrected as needed)

A committee to alleviate quorum guidelines? Is this a way to alleviate our Bylaws? You can create committee for various events but in no way can you do away with our Bylaws. Committee reports have no business in Minutes unless done during a general membership meeting and the Minutes simply report on the committee's reported information.

After discussion, Committees are appointed by the President and approved by the Board. It is valuable to have sub-committees for a large event to bring a report back to the members but not take the time during a membership meeting to do the busy work.

#3 - I move to hire an Event Coordinator (with a board approved budget) to manage marketing and ticket sales.

I'm not sure about this one. It is spending money which we don't have. There has to be some expectation of profit for me to get on board this one.

Lori explained that the specific person she was in contact with was deceptive in his presentation and it was more of trying to sell an app than hiring a coordinator. The discussion ended up on the feeling we are not near the concept yet until we are ready for a very large event which needs professional direction. It is better for us to rely on our volunteers.

#4 - I move that Summerfest to include an expanded car show (run by John & Gina Hutton aka Champaign Classic Car Show), all attractions from Summerfest 2019, all 2019 & 2021 Art Show with participants to choose a People's Choice Award in both the Car AND Art Show and implement the chamber selling its own memorabilia created by our new Cricut equipment along with the approved dog tags.

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I see four activities to our next proposed Summerfest here:

- 1. Car show run by the Huttons with people's choice award,*
- 2. Attractions from 2019 Summerfest,*
- 3. Art show with people's choice award, and*
- 4. Sales campaign for memorabilia from Cricut.*

Summerfest is a HUGE undertaking and requires lots of volunteers to make it successful. The car show is basically just owners showing up and showing their cars. Our only input would be issuance of awards.

Basically as I see it Summerfest would involve inviting bands and entertainment venues to participate at no cost or reward, and vendor booths. This would take coordination, exact timing, and programming skills much like a doctor's receptionist scheduling appointments.

The Art show is accepting entries, safeguarding said entries from loss, issuance of awards.

Our Cricut dog tag program got sidetracked due to COVID-19 restrictions. The only thing we need is a person with a laptop containing the software and skills to print a tag. We may have a person like that in house.

First, this is not an attempt to copy the Phelan car show in name, etc. We would want our own identity. We can combine various venues in our Summerfest separating each with its own committee for best control and management. We can work out the obstacles experienced in the Cricut machine and dog tag sales.

#5 - I move to change membership dues to reflect tiered pricing: members that sell products / members that sell services / community organizations & non-profits and local residents

What is the purpose of changing our dues structure? We need members no matter what they sell – product or service. It make no difference what they sell. I believe we should have a difference in fee for a company and for an individual. I am an individual but also a company. I should pay the fee for a company. My wife is an individual with no company or product so she should pay the individual fee. Her only benefit for membership is a vote.

Jeanna thought the \$20 dues were too low but it depends on if we are self-sustaining to pay our bills with the dues we charge now. We don't know. We need to establish a budget based upon our expenses and balance that budget against what we take in in dues. The probability is that we will need to raise dues.

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#6 - I move that the chamber "join" all community groups and monetarily support the same as needed.

Join what? I have no interest in belonging to a group I cannot support or participate in.

Ed didn't understand what Lori meant. Lori meant the chamber should become a member of the other groups just as they are members of our chamber. It didn't mean our members should join other groups individually. Yes, we should mutually participate. Jeanna mentioned often a member of the chamber may already be active with another group and can bring back to us a report on their activities, etc. similarly reporting our activities to the other group.

#7 - I move to create a committee (to alleviate quorum guidelines) for the purpose of establishing a sustainable revenue source. The magazine launched to introduce Pinon Hills, its members and history needs to evolve. Change up the magazine to provide press releases with descriptive photos for members that sell products/services, provide a platform for Chamber produced products (T-shirts, decals, postcards, dog tags, license plates, window stickers, etc.)

Is this another attempt to alleviate our Bylaws? (See #2 above). Again, you may simply create a committee (magazine for example). No need to involve quorum guidelines.

We definitely need a product we can sell and perhaps our magazine and our dog tags fit this need. As discussed previously above, we can call upon our volunteers to establish smaller committees to all come together for the good of the larger event.

Guest Speaker / Presentation

A brief presentation was given by "Refer", a member of Desert Chapter of BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse). Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc. (B.A.C.A.) exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of Bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. We stand ready to lend support to our wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization. We work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children. We desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of our

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organization, and that we are prepared to lend our physical and emotional support to them by affiliation, and our physical presence. We stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse. We do not condone the use of violence or physical force in any manner, however, if circumstances arise such that we are the only obstacle preventing a child from further abuse, we stand ready to be that obstacle.

Announcements

Jeanna reminded us of the Phelan Chamber of Commerce Annual Safe Trick or Treat, Friday, October 29th at downtown Phelan.

Jim reported many of you know it has been my pleasure and honor to play Santa at events in my community. The first one this year will be at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 3 at 6 pm at Phelan Community Park. Come join us and get your photo with Santa.

Adjournment

Randy moved to adjourn, 2d by Wendy. The meeting adjourned at 1955 hours.

Our next meeting will be November 16, 2021.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



MINUTES
of the
PIÑON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board and General Membership Meeting
November 16, 2021

The meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber building at 10405 Mountain Road, Piñon Hills, CA 92372 and also electronically on-line using “Zoom” software.

Call to Order

President Lori Weston called the meeting to order at 1800 Hours.

Pledge of Allegiance

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Roll Call & Introductions

The following Board members and Directors were present in person:

Lori Weston, President, Present Jim Conkle, Vice-president, Present
Randy Sampias, Director, Present Cheryl Beaman, Treasurer, Present
Ed Greany, Secretary, Present

The following Board members and Directors were present on line using Zoom:

Bonnie Butler, Director, Present

Chamber Members present in person included:

Robin Greany, Robert Blue.

Chamber Members present via Zoom included:

Wendy Walker, Charlie Johnson and Jeanna Mills.

Nominations of Officers and Directors –

Lori asked Ed to read the present Nominations of Officers and Directors.

President: Lori Weston	Director 1: Bonnie Butler
Vice-president: Jim Conkle	Director 2: Charlie Johnson
Secretary: Ed Greany	Director 3: Robert “Blue” Blue
Treasurer: Jeanna Mills	Director 4: Wendy Walker
	Director 5: Randy Sampias

Lori opened the floor for any additional Nominations. None were heard.

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Charlie moved to close nominations, 2d by Jim.

Jim moved to vote by acclimation, 2d by Cheryl. The vote was affirmed.

Minutes

Lori asked Ed to read the Minutes. Upon reading the Minutes Jim moved to accept the Minutes as corrected, 2d by Randy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's printed Report was distributed to members in attendance.

Rental of Chamber Building

A prior motion by Jim was to rent the Chamber building to a Shepherd's Call Baptist Church who asked to rent to them for their juveniles. Jim withdrew his motion based on discussion about potential liability exposed to us. Jim moved to decline the request to rent the building to the church, 2d by Randy. Motion carried. Ed will report to Pastor Steven Jenny of our decision.

Items for discussion

Jim reported the Halloween event was a total success held in front of the prior Rite Aid storefront. More volunteers are needed and we should have a budget for candy, etc. to hand out.

Holiday Budget

Lori began a discussion regarding our Holiday events. We need a budget for the season to cover advertising and our "Santa House". After discussion, it was determined that \$300 would be for Santa hand-outs (candy such as candy canes), and one \$50 ad in the Mountaineer Progress and one \$50 ad in the News Plus. Jim moved to approve the \$500 for our holiday events, 2d by Cheryl, motion carried.

Jeanna suggested we make the holiday events profitable ones instead of static expenses. Ideas are being submitted on how to do this.

Audit Committee

Lori reported we need to begin to think about our annual audit and establish a committee. Ed and Jim volunteered to serve. We will need at least one more member on the committee. The audit will be after January 1 but before the January General Membership Meeting.

Summerfest

Need volunteers.

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Announcements

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is December 3 at 6 pm at Phelan Community Park.

New Business

To continue our Zoom meetings we must purchase a license which runs \$150 per year. This allows more participants and a longer time limit than our limited 40 minutes free use now. It was suggested we look to other providers besides Zoom also that are free. Blue to investigate this. Jeanna and Charlie both offered to allow their Zoom licenses for use in our meetings. Thanks to both members.

Adjournment

Randy moved to adjourn, 2d by Wendy. The meeting adjourned at 1955 hours.

Our Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce Holiday Installation dinner meeting is scheduled for December 21 at the Big Rock. We need to confirm that Big Rock is available.

The meeting was adjourned without motion at 1929.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary



MINUTES
of the
Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce
Board Installation Meeting
December 21, 2021

The last meeting of Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce for 2021 was held at 1700 hours at The Big Rock Inn on 1828 State Highway 138, Piñon Hills, CA 92372 to celebrate and hold our swearing in of new officers for 2022.

President Lori Weston initiated the conversation by her comments about being Honorary Mayor for Pinon Hills. She explained that is her passion and believes it is time to step down as President believing that she is the reason people do not stay around (in the Chamber). She called for anyone who has interest in being the president for next year. She could always be sworn in and tomorrow resign so that Jim then moves up in rank. That would not be the right thing to do. Upon reconsideration, she eventually decided to stay on one more year and received a big applause for it.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed a celebratory dinner of tacos. Attendees could order their own drinks themselves.

All in attendance introduced themselves so everyone knew everyone else. Those in attendance included the following:

Cheryl Beaman	Jim Conkle	Michael Palecki
Terry Fritzen	Ed Greany	Jeanna Mills
Charlie Johnson	Robin Greany	Dane Mills
Robert Blue	Randy Sampias	Ryan Holman
Francis Conkle	Lori Weston	Bonnie Butler
	Wendy Walker	Gilbert Butler

After dining and everyone was in attendance, school Superintendent Ryan Holman was to do the swearing in honors. After recognizing the outgoing Board Members Ryan called each 2022 Board member individually to the stage. Once situation, he recited the "Director's Oath" followed by an identical response by the Board members. Photos and notes were taken by Michael Palecki from the Mountaineer Progress newspaper who joined us for dinner.

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Board Installation Meeting (Continued)**

The 2022 Officers and Directors are:

President: Lori Weston

Vice-president: Jim Conkle

Secretary: Ed Greany

Treasurer: Jeanna Mills

Director 1: Bonnie Butler

Director 2: Charlie Johnson

Director 3: Robert “Blue” Blue

Director 4: Wendy Walker

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Audit Committee

Ed, Jim and Robin volunteered to serve. The audit will be after January 1 but before the January General Membership Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned without motion at 1900.

Submitted by Ed Greany, Secretary

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Supplemental:

***The Director’s Oath***

*As a Member of this Board, I will:*

*Represent the interest of all people served by this organization;*

*Not use my service on this Board for my own personal advantage or the advantage of my friends or associates;*

*Respect and support the majority decision of the Board;*

*Approach all Board issues with an open mind, prepared to make the best decision for everyone involved;*

*Consider myself a “trustee” of this organization and do my best to ensure that it is well maintained, financially secure, growing and always operating in the best interest of those we serve.*