



GM Minutes 9/6/2023 4pm @ House of JuJu

- **Call to Order:** 4:08pm
- **Minutes:** Ashley Steinbruecker motioned to accept, BarbaraLee Jordan second, all ayes
- **Guests:** **Jen Runia**, OJSHS - Senior Project coordinator, Caitlyn's "put the Home in Homecoming" first week of October with parade on Friday
- **Guest Speaker:** Rebecca Kosinski, OJSHS Principal - introduction, former OHS grad/teacher at Timberline/principal at IDYCA, no cell phone initiative/policy in school, goal for more enthusiasm/engagement/leadership, Homecoming tailgate opportunity for businesses to be involved, work release accountability, new computer system implementing with calendars
- **Announcements:**
 - **September 8th filing deadline by 5pm for Nov 7 candidate elections**
 - **Sept 8th LIVE music at the BW Lodge at River's Edge 6:30pm**
 - Ashley Steinbruecker - CVH Teen Suicide Prevention awarness training with documentary video screening at Rex Oct 19 6pm "My Ascension"
 - Jen Hill of Dworshak State Park - ice freezers need emptied for returning, donating to any taker, must be moved by Monday morning
 - Susan Jacobson - Big Canyon Acres Fall Fest happening Oct 13-15 10am-4pm, accepting vendors, sponsors for music, games, hay rides, food, pumpkin patch, fresh apple cider
 - House of JuJu Orofino doing Hospital Fire Fundraiser **Sept 12th** with Live music 6-9pm, 50% of all day sales to benefit
 - The Mill 2nd year Anniversary celebration **Sept 29th 5-9pm** Live Music and special food plates available for \$10, prize drawing



Free Lunch/Dinner:

Susan Jacobson drawn and awarded

- **Executive Director Report:**
 - o Welcome New Members: Branch & Vines LLC-soft open coming Sept 12th Lumberjack week; Earth & Family Wellness introduction from Cindy Wines
 - o Event report: Pierce 1860 Days, Elk River Days, Wild Weippe Days, no report MaryLou Triathlon; active summer with projects directed from the Board, donations made to each town \$1k for beautification/improvements with more news to come, all communities now have updated kiosk bulletin boards
 - o Sign up for Halloween and Christmas decorating

- o Balance Sheet: A/R \$225 Cash \$23,104.37 FYTD 9.05.2023
- o Outreach: over the last month-Meta aka Facebook = 10,234 post reach, 1,185 interactions, 12 new followers, 2,869 total; Website data: 2,594 pageviews, 1,215 users (FB down apx. 20%, website Google analytics data up 20%)
- **Economic Development Report: Susan Jacobson, Director** - Revitalize Orofino project, AARP grant for benches awarded and asking for help with installation, Tye Barnett Remodeling is assisting with project, Community Forum 2nd phase of data gathering is out, Elk River projects in the works, Pierce submitting GEM grant request for pickleball court and LEAP housing options, Dollar General petition by Robert Meade and Cloninger's Market expansion project in Weippe; support/project, P&Z meeting in October for hearing/attending, Retention and expansion goals
- **Committee Reports: Malia - Lumberjack Beer Garden;** help still needed, new shift hours Friday and Saturday
new committee volunteers encouraged

Legislative Committee – Dennis Harper: absent/n/a

Senator Risch office, Kaci Ralstin presented-staff meeting in Orofino for 3 days, in session today with work on Govt. funding

Senator Crapo office, Leticia Seloske presented-fishing forecast, funding of government with fiscal year starting Oct 1

Congressman Fulcher office, Clinton Daniel-government funding, ARM bill, cruise line tours and possibilities

Special Events:

- o **Orofino Lumberjack Days & Clearwater County Fair - theme is Blue Skies & County Pride Sept 14-17** - sign up for a shift at the beer garden and network
- o **Patriot Day 9/11 - 10am at VFW ball field by CVFDA with 1st responders**
- o **Rotary fun run Oct 7th, Saturday**
- **Discussion:** Cindy Wines and Barbara Lee Jordan suggestion for a “What to Expect/Buyer Beware” brochure for newcomers or people interested in moving here, make available in print and digital on website; % of dirt roads, weather issues like snow removal, power outages, water rights, wells and springs, septic, etc.
Innovia grant for JSD171 Backpack Refrigerator-Rotary\$1k to keep going and match the grant need, BarbaraLee issued a challenge to businesses and individuals to also donate to the program, currently at half of amount needed
Rotary looking for volunteers for the Lumberjack Food Booth, student scholarships available
Thank you to CPTPA for firefighting of Hospital Fire
- **Next meeting: October 4th 4pm at Fiesta En Jalisco banquet room**
- **Adjourn: 5:05pm, 20 in attendance**

SIGNED:

_____ Malia Erlewine, 2023 President

_____ Erica Holland, Director