



## GM Minutes 5/10/2023 4pm @ Chubby's Pizza in Pierce

- **Call to Order: 4:16pm**, President Malia Erlewine via Zoom
- **Minutes:** Susan Jacobson motioned to approve, Barbara-Lee Jordan 2nd, all ayes, none opposed
- **Guests:** Teea Benson, T's Cake Corner, owner
- **Guest Speaker:** Cindy McCool - Xi Alpha Nu sorority, Theresa Koepke represented and presented the Hilltop Calendar
- **Announcements:**
  - 2 board members have been appointed to fill vacancies: Lahni Ireland, Melissa Quigley
  - Request for all towns to make a list of needs/wants for chamber to work toward: Pierce GEM Team is working on bid to replace flags, electronic reader boards suggested for all towns



Free Lunch/Dinner: Teea Benson awarded prize

- **Executive Director Report:**
  - New Members: Back Country Trading Post, Clearwater Historical Society, Orofino Farmers Market
  - Balance Sheet: A/R \$26,688, Cash \$19,506, Expenses \$20,821 FYTD 5.4.2023
  - Outreach: Meta aka Facebook = 9,800+ post reach, 3,600+ post engagement, 27 new followers, 2,774 total, 65,000+ Impressions; Website data: 3,075 pageviews, 1,306 users-over the last month; reach & engagement up 200%
- **Economic Development Report: Susan Jacobson, Director** - USDA next grant cycle is June, many grant opportunities including State Parks & Rec in Sept., Child Care Expansion open again, Safe Streets grant, Violence Prevention grant, event based tourism support for business partner/collaboration. Cathy Muer will visit July about Sept grants. Safe Routes new program with OPD giving out Ice Cream Ticket for good/safe behavior. City of Orofino awarded AARP Community Challenge Grant to install benches along the walking path. A Broadband Advisory Board to form soon to work on issues with local internet service. Call to get more info any time.
- **Committee Reports:**

**Legislative Committee – Dennis Harper: absent**

Clinton Daniel, Regional Director for Congressman Fulcher was present and gave an update. This is Fulcher’s 5th year in office and participating on many committees including Energy, Lands and Border Security with Title 42 developments to form a new package soon. Please contact Clinton prior to making any trips to DC for special access tours that he can arrange. Susan asked for the congressman to support Child Care needs and ITD communication also.

Barbara-Lee Jordan reported the Innovia Foundation 501c3 has created Uplift Clearwater Grant Funds for 2024 application toward food insecurity for children and elderly in our county.

**Special Events:**

- o Kids fish Free events
  - o May 20 Maniac Music Festival in Orofino City Park
  - o Orofino Senior Center Dino Rock Hunt all month
  - o Mother’s Day events
  - o Elk River Spring Fishing Derby
  - o Elk River Thunder Run ATV events
  - o Maniac Dam Race June 3rd
  - o Lewis Clark BlueGrass Festival June 1-4
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- **Discussion:** Cruise Ships in Lewiston port could bring more tourists to our area if transportation is available. Director will reach out to Lewis Clark Valley for more information. A request was made for the Pierce Library to have repairs. Director will reach out to the County for information. Inland Cellular towers are reported to be blocking Verizon communications throughout Pierce and Weippe communities. Director will reach out to Inland for more information.
  - **Next meeting: June 7th @ 4pm at the Log Inn in Elk River**
  - **Adjourn: 5:16pm**

**SIGNED:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Malia Erlewine, 2023 President

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