



GM Minutes January 2, 2019 12pm Ponderosa Conference Room

- **Call to Order:**
President, Ashley Steinbruecker, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.
- **Minutes:**
John Goffinet, with Goffinet & Clack, read the minutes and made a motion to approve as written. Connie Robinson 2nd the motion. Minutes were approved as written.
- **Introduction of the 2019 Board of Directors:**
Ashley Steinbruecker introduced the 2019 Orofino Chamber Board of Directors.
- **Guests**
Sarah Johnson, Orofino Elementary School Counselor
- **Announcements:**
 - CVHC is proud to offer “Yoga” instructed by Sarah McGrath. New classes will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays in addition to the existing Tuesday and Thursday options. Classes are FREE for Orofino High School students. The new schedule begins Jan. 7th 2019.



- **Drawing for Free Lunch**
John Goffinet was the lucky winner for our Free Lunch!

- **Executive Director Report: Tessa Mullinix**

Congratulations to our 2019 Orofino Chamber Board of Directors and Officers! I am excited to be working with you all! Thank you Ann Wright for your dedicated year of service as our President.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

I have a few volunteers so far for the break down of lights at the park, if anyone is interested, please let me know.

CHAMBER MERCHANDISE:

Our items are in and look great! We have white, black and grey t-shirts, grey hooded sweatshirts, shot glasses and keychains, all with the new design and fresh look! Samples are displayed here at the meeting and you can stop by the chamber office to pick up your new Orofino gear!

CHAMBERMEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTIONS:

Because of the time of year I have not got out to all businesses to meet and introduce myself; I hope to do that within this month. I plan to deliver our membership stickers to ALL members and drop off a survey once invoices have been taken care of and the 2019 members have been tracked.

CHAMBER RESEARCH:

I contacted Marie Dymoskoski – Pullman Chamber Office to see if I can attend a meeting sometime and chat about the different things they do in the community. I also contacted my home town to chat about the different things they do as well.

Survey - I want to know what businesses want to see or what business would like help with. If I can contribute to their growth in any way, I want to know how, outside of what's already being done.

MAPS:

Our new Orofino City Maps are done and look great! I have brought a few for you to look at and you can take a few back with you.

COMEDY NIGHT:

Just as a reminder the Comedy night is on February 15th at the BW Lodge. Tickets are on sale at BW Lodge, LCCU and the Chamber Office but for your convenience I have brought tickets to you. If you would like to purchase tickets, you can do so today.

CALENDAR

I have completed the calendar of General Membership Meetings for 2019 and will send that out via email and iContact. As far as a calendar of events, a few dates are still not set in stone but that will be sent out within the next few weeks.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS:

Applications have been updated and are ready for handout. Let's build our chamber members in 2019.

- **Committee Reports**

- **CCED – Chris St. Germaine's Report:**

Tessa shared that Chris was working up at Bald Mountain and they have had lots of out of area folks skiing. Many families from Clarkston-Moscow-Kamiah-Grangeville who have all discovered the steep & deep of Bald Mountain!

- **Legislative Committee – No Report**

- **Welcoming's**

- **The Dog House**

Michelle Edwards moved to Orofino in 2017 and decided to buy The Dog House, taking it over on October 1st, 2018. Michelle shared, “so far it’s been okay, business is a little slow through the winter but so far it’s holding its own”. Michelle was presented with a 2019 New Membership Sticker and a New Member Certificate from Tessa and the chamber.



- **Special Events:**

- **Comedy Night:**

Tickets are being sold at the Best Western Lodge, LCCU & at the Orofino Chamber of Commerce. LCCU has sold a large amount of tickets and we expect to sell out for the event! Get your tickets before it’s too late!



- **New Business:**

- **General Membership Meeting dates of 2019**

- 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 8/7, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4 (Board Elections)

Tessa shared that a Calendar will be sent out through email and also through iContact.

- **Guest Speaker: Sarah Johnson, Orofino Elementary Counselor - The Great Kindness Challenge**

Sarah Johnson is an OHS alum and is here today representing OES as the School Counselor.

As a counselor one of Sarah's focus is school culture, focusing on the big picture and trying to help campus safety through engaging and having a caring environment for all students. Sarah is here to talk about The Great Kindness Challenge which was recognized on the TODAY show last year and this will be Orofino Elementary School's 5th year as participants. When Sarah first started the challenge she wanted to bring kindness to the forefront. The ideas of this national challenge is that you spend 1 week within your community and school where students focus on acts of kindness. Yellow is the color in support of the great kindness challenge and is wore by teachers and students. There is a checklist that is provided to all students that they can follow and students have to complete as many acts of kindness as possible in the one week. The classroom that gets the highest percentage of acts of kindness, get to have a popcorn and movie party with Mrs. Johnson. The school has had great response from the school and the students each year.

This program is designed for students K-12 and is designed for thinking of others besides ourselves. Our district now has a social worker that visits each school in the district one day a week and that social worker now has brought the Nationwide Kindness challenge to Timberline schools as well. Sarah mentioned that Orofino High School will be participating this year and she hopes for them to continue year after year.

This year is different than past as the schools are trying to get the community involved. How do we spread that kindness out in the community and get everyone involved? OES does family movie nights, open houses, math night and this is just another great opportunity to partner with the community and get our businesses involved. We hope that are students can go into businesses and restaurants and business owners are more aware of what's happening in the school and know that it's kindness week and business owners can ask them questions and help the students along the way. This is a way to let student know that everyone is watching, and kindness matters all the time, not just at school.

There are several ways the community can get involved. Tuesday, January 29th at 12:30 p.m. there is the monthly assembly (last Tuesday of every month) at OES in the gymnasium. At these monthly assemblies, the staff recognizes students for a character trait that is the focus of that month, January's trait is Kindness. At the assemblies we do Student of the Month Emmy Awards, we recognize students or staff who exceed many expectations, students that display special talents and we show inspirational videos too. Our Assemblies are always open to the community and parents. For our upcoming assembly on January 29th, Ryan Smathers has agreed to ask the City Police, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, etc., and any community helpers/business owners that would like to come and create a tunnel of kindness for our students. The tunnel of kindness will be created from those who are always paying it forward in our community and setting good examples for our students. Ryan will also be speaking as the Mayor to kick the meeting off. Sarah asks that we help spread the word by posting on social media or putting it on a reader board or posting it some way in your business that say's "We support School District 171 in the Great Kindness Challenge of 2019". Next year hopefully we can grow it and make it bigger and better each year by involving the entire community with the Great Kindness Challenge.

- **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.