**Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce**

**Board Meeting 06/15/2016**

Attendance: Kyle, Melanie, Dr Dave, Lloyd, Mike, Steve, Michelle, Amy, Dr Kami, Paula

Start time: 12:16p.m

* Approve Past Minutes-Corrected Kyle name, Steve Motion to approve and Kami 2nd
* Finances We will be revisiting this once we get final numbers from 2016 golf outing, we would like to keep $4,000 in Golf funds to have back up to the scholarships, about $16,000 in outreach and $42,000 total in all other accounts. We need something to generate or increase revenue for the chamber. Paula requested $90.00 to join the State Chamber membership to be able to contact them with ideas, concerns, etc. Kyle motion to approve and 2nd by Melanie
* Paula’s Corner

Constant Contact communication proposal $20.00/month to send out monthly, bi-weekly or weekly updates and newsletters to members. Very well presented we have seen the example she sent out earlier this week. Current information will always be on the top of page! She will be able to see a lot of details as in who opens the email, deletes, etc. Melanie motion to approve and Dave 2nd to open account.

2017 Meeting Proposal We lose momentum when we don’t have monthly meetings, Paula would like to add additional morning “Coffee and Commerce” where we have speakers for small businesses and workshops. No member speakers are allowed for this. Thinking about a $5-$10 donation to attend these lessons. We are also looking to have 1 location for all the 4th Thursday of the month lunch meetings. We feel this will be easier for members to remember. Then have local businesses cater in lunch on different days. New life, Stihl, Village hall have all been brought up as options. Paula also gave a hand out of all members with Business name, attending member name, address, phone #, email and notes or involvement. All up to date which will help everyone out!

* Golf Outing Recap/2017- We need more support on this event as Steve is spending 150-200 hours on this, if we want to keep a success we need to look closely at this for next year. GREAT EVENT STEVE!! We will re visit in July after we get final counts.
* Craft and Vendor Fair @ Firemen’s Festival – Melanie asked for $120.00 to purchase a Cottage Grove Chamber table cover for numerous events. Lloyd motion and Mike 2nd approved. She also handed over $1550.00 on checks from the vendors we have coming to participate at the craft show at the fireman’s festival. She is only waiting on a couple more that she has plans to get from them the day of event.
* ITEMS WE TABLED UNTIL JULY: Community Outreach $ amount, Non-Dues revenue, Golf outing direction, and Physical location to open office for Chamber.

We as a board need to look into next year, how are we going to take it to the next level?

* Adjourn 1:32p.m