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*Promoting Oregon's Businesses & Community*

## OREGON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 21, 2008; 12:00-1:10PM

Community of Life Church, 845 Market Street

**Board Members Present:** Dave Mastos, Jason Johns, Chris Venden, Brett Davis, Barb Mulcahy, Steve Poetter,

**Board Members Absent:** Renee Ackerman, Lisa Kersten, Dan Bertelson, Aaron Ingham

**Members Present:** Staci Boudreau, Dave Mastos, Amy Schuch, Sarah Quinang, Angie Baskin, Donna Martens, Lori Miller, Geoffry Sandler, Dale Jewell, Nick White, Dough Smyth, Paul Lynch, Eric Wenger, Jeremy Ulsaker, Mark Below

**Staff Present:** Marechiel Santos-Lang

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1. Meeting called to order by Jason Johns, President at 12:15 p.m.
  2. Around the Table: Introductions Made .
  3. Approval of the July 17, 2008 Membership Minutes. Motion for a unanimous approval, by Geoffrey Sandler and seconded by Dave Mastos. Motion approved.
  4. Downtown Construction Updates by Mark Below, Director of Public Works. We are currently about a week or two ahead of schedule. Underground is in on S. Main Street, and now starting on Janesville Street. Curb & gutter will proceed. The goal is to get as much of Jefferson Street and the intersection done by when the bridge is done. Railroad bridge is closed, waiting for MCI to relocate fiber optic, and then will start back up in a week. Will be closed again in late October when they set the bridge. Paul Lynch said that it has been going smoothly, and they are doing a great job. Noticed police have been down there, monitoring traffic, giving warnings to slow people down, for safety of construction.
  5. Event Updates:
    - Golf Outing (Sept 23) Updates by Jason Johns & Steve Peotter – The invitation for the event went out. Jason encouraged members to invite their suppliers/vendors to participate, or share their names to Marechiel to invite them. Jason indicated whoever (member) brings the most participants will get a foursome for free. The committee is still looking for a celebrity from the area, and the other 3 spots members could bid on.
    - Oregon Area Business Expo (Nov 20) by Chris Venden & Nick White – 5:30 to 8:30 – great chance to meet new people, try to get non-members to attend. One stop shop marketplace, everyone welcome. We are looking at the Arena as a possible location, as well as other venues.
    - Oregon Holidays (Nov 14, 15 & 16), Donna Martens indicated it would be November 14 – 16<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have a weekend designated to increase awareness of Oregon to buy, shop, dine. We will have a tree lighting ceremony, carriage ride, etc.

Other communities have done it with success. This weekend was selected as it didn't have many conflicts with other community's events.

- Decision 2008 (Sept 4) by Jason Johns. It's an election year – all of the legislators and their challengers have been invited to this event. People can ask questions, and meet their legislatures. It will be from 6 to 8 pm with a cash bar. JL Richards and Dave Mastos will be sponsoring the food.

6. Member Matters: *Speaker: Dale Jewell, Pres/CEO ClickSmart*

*Topic: 5 Ways to Boost Your Bottom Line with Technology* – They are a certified partner with Microsoft, and Microsoft Small Business Certified.

Dale reviewed the presentation on how ClickSmart can help small businesses save money and use their services to assist with Technology issues, to save time and money. Presentations are available through the Chamber.

7. Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn made by Barb Mulcahy and seconded by Staci Boudreau, meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.

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**Dates to Remember**

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| September 18.   | Next Month's Membership Meeting, Oregon Community Bank – Alpine Parkway Branch hosted by Lynette Tourdot; noon. Please plan to arrive at 11:45 AM. |
| September 25-27 | Cousin Subs Grand Opening  |
| September 26    | Cousin Subs Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (TBC)  |

*We value your input and participation. See you next meeting!*