

Gales Creek Chamber of Commerce meeting notes December 15th
Gales Creek Church of God

Called to order at 7:06pm

Minutes prior to the meeting, it was discovered by Judy that there was a break in to the church through a shattered window.

Attendance: 5 members, 1 speaker, 1 guest.

Speakers: Dave Nemeyer, Forest Grove Fire and Rescue
Chas Hundley, Gales Creek Chamber of Commerce

Reports by officers: President: None

Vice President: Not Present

Treasurer: Not Present

Secretary: Website has been updated to include every upcoming Agenda

We've acquired the community website, www.galescreek.us, which hosts the online version of the community calendar.

Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agency:

Expressed that they will need \$23 million to complete the project, think they will be able to raise that in the next 5-10 years.

They are still looking at developing routes near Timber early in the process.

Met with Carolyn McCormick of the Washington County Visitors Association, will be meeting with her later this week or after the holidays to see how they can help us out.

Community Calendar: The Community Potluck is back to its regular schedule of the third Thursday of every month. Gales Creek Church is hosting a Candlelight Christmas Service, and a New Years Eve Party.

Presentation: Dave Nemeyer with Forest Grove Fire and Rescue presented, with an update on the new staff at the newly built Gales Creek Fire Station home. There is one intern there currently, with another volunteer coming soon.

He also talked about ways for the community to get connected to emergency services utilizing new technology, such as the PulsePoint app.

Presentation: Chas Hundley, Strategic Plan finalization. (Final approved document can be found here:

<http://galescreekchamberofcommerce.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/GalesCreekChamberofCommerceStrategicPlan2016-2018.pdf>)

Walked through the proposed strategic plan and the Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to adopt it.

Old Business: Dallas Boge brought up that we need to make a decision by the March meeting whether or not we will be taking on the responsibility of managing the vendors, tear down, set up, and site acquisition of the Gales Creek Bazaar.

Adjourned at 8:25pm