Foremost & District Chamber of Commerce

Annual General Meeting January 27, 2025

AGM was held at the Chamber Office 218 Main Street .

Corinna Roth-Beacome brought greetings on behalf of the Chamber.

Larry Robinson brought greetings and update on behalf of the Village.

**AGM meeting was called to order by President Corinna Roth-Beacome** **at 12:25pm** with 15 people in Attendance.

**Acceptance of Agenda.**

* Added Rodeo Market, Chili Cook Off & Housing Innovation Alliance, Christmas Campaign
* Bev Baker accepted the agenda. Heather Walsh Seconded. Carried

**Acceptance Minutes-** Previous minutes from the 2024 AGM were emailed out. Lana Halvorson moved acceptance of the minutes. Matt Cochrane Second Carried

**The Annual Financial Statement** was presented as attached by Bruce Hillis. Kari Buis reviewed the 2024 financials. Bruce Hillis moved acceptance of report. Joan Hughson Seconded, Carried.

**Highlights from the year:**

1. **Spring into Summer Market**- was held on Thursday May 14th. Lots of vendors but the shopping traffic was very slow. Thanks again to the County for setting up the tables.
2. **Chili Cook Off/ Rodeo Market & Parade**: Excellent participation had lots of donations for Chili for 2024 summer students who did a great job advertising. Rodeo Market, well attended, had great “taste of home” food samples, and will need to get more volunteers to help for next year and look into fans to ventilate the building. Thank you to Heather Walsh for taking on the Rodeo Market and Food Samples. Chamber has agreed assist the Ag Society with the admin support for the Parade for 2025, will help do registrations and mail outs for organizations to attend.
3. **Christmas Market**- Held on November 14th, wonderful turn out with vendors and traffic through out whole day, Dance club put on amazing supper.
4. **Summer Students**-We were blessed to have full staff once again for the 2024 year. Kendyl Hollingsworth and Jessica Molin were in the office and Tyson Hartman, Braxton Board, Jayden Hollingsworth in the Tourist Booth. Students helped Village, historical society. If you have any suggestions for the project for the students, please let us know. We have submitted the 2025 Summer Jobs Applications.
5. **Christmas Campaign-** was successful, thanks to the community and county of Forty Mile. Thanks so much to Matt Conchrane and South Forty Transportation for stuffing the bus with over 2000lbs of food for the local Hampers and Food Bank.

**New Business**

* **Housing Innovation Alliance-**
  + Covers a large geographic area, have had a few mini conferences, which the Village and Chamber reps have been at as well as some Local businesses to build conversation and collaboration.
  + Watch some newsletters to be coming out
  + Chamber would like to host a meeting on building more connections within the communities.
* **By Laws & Board of Trade**
  + Bruce Hillis made a motion to adjust the proposed by-law changes. Matt Conchrane Seconded. Carried.
* **Website**
  + **Will be looking into hosting a lunch/launch website when it is completed. Will be more user friendly and functionable.**

**Elections.**

* Corinna Roth-Beacome let her name stand for the position of President. No further nominations. Corinna accepted and was declared president.
* Theresa Hardiker nominated Matt Conchrane for Vice for Vice president. No further nominations. Matt accepted and was declared vice president.
* Terri-Lynn Arnal let her name stand for the position of Secretary. No further nominations.

Terri-Lynn was declared Secretary.

* Bruce Hillis let his name stand for the position of Treasurer. No further nominations. Bruce was declared Treasurer.
* Theresa Hardiker moved the appointment Slate of Directors: Rachel Stromsmoe, Elizabeth Dixson, Lana Halvorson, Heather Walsh, Bev Baker, Joan Hughson Second. Carried.

**The Executive Members** are.

President – Corinna Roth- Beacome

Vice President- Matt Conchrane

Treasurer - Bruce Hillis

Secretary – Terri-Lynn Arnal

**Directors**

1. Rachel Stromsmoe
2. Heather Walsh
3. Elizabeth Dixon
4. Lana Halverson
5. Bev Baker

**Signing Authority**

* Bev Baker moved authorization of signing authority granted to President Corinna Roth-Beacome, Secretary Terri-Lynn Arnal & Treasurer Bruce Hillis; in accordance with the by-laws any 2 of the 3 to sign. Carried.

**Thank you** to all who have served and volunteered this past year and helped make the Chamber successful.

We invite everyone to join us at our next regular meeting March 11, 2025, at noon via zoom or in person at 218 Main Street Foremost.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:34pm** by Corinna Roth-Beacome.