

MBA General Meeting: Thursday, January 5th, 2017 at 8:40am at the Murphys Hotel Eleanor Dining Room in Murphys, California.

Board Members Present: Steve & Tonja

MBA General Members Present: Total approximately 12 Total (Two board members and ten general members).

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Steve Gonzales called the meeting to order at 8:40am and the General Membership Meeting Agenda for 1.5.17 was passed out to members
- II. Introductions
 - a. New Members: No
 - b. Self-introductions of everyone present.
- III. Minutes of December 1st, 2016 Meeting: No meeting
 - a. The December General Meeting was decorating the Town Christmas tree at corner of Jones and Main Streets.
 - b. Hardcopy of MBA General Meeting minutes will now be available on the website at: <http://visitmurphys.com/join-mba/mba-bylaws-meeting-minutes/>
 - c. The new method of online minutes will save paper, ink and be more accessible for viewing anytime.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Hardcopy of MBA Treasurer's Report is available on the MBA website: visitmurphys.com
- V. Guest Speaker: Shelby French, New Director for CWA
 - a. Shelby started full-time on Monday
 - b. CWA feedback and suggestions for big events
 - c. President's Wine Weekend: February 18th & 19th, 2016
 - i. \$25 Glass and tastings available both days
 - ii. Selling glasses at Native Son's Hall again
 - d. Wants to bring "Passport Weekend" back and unique experience with participating wineries
 - i. Charging a premium rate
 - e. Going forward: Restructuring events to make more money and not just pouring more wine.
 - f. Wants more news worthy event success
 - g. Scouting more locations for CWA glass sales
 - i. Native Son's Hall
 - ii. Parking lot booth near Alchemy to help get people to walk full length of Main Street
- VI. Old Business:
 - a. Main Street markings
 - i. "House on Main" near bridge markings still in works

1. County said that we need an ordinance to paint the street with “No Parking” and communications are still in the works.
 - b. Street Signs
 - i. Swift Printing is working on green and white street signs
 - ii. Steve has started Main Street and has outlining areas left to do.
 - c. Pet Waste Bags
 - i. Will get ordered and up around Main Street
 - ii. Biodegradable waste bags will be able to drop in regular trash cans
 - d. Open House (December 2016 Holiday)
 - i. Successful evening
 - ii. Open review:
 1. Gail Bunge was a volunteer at the Hotel location and parade start area
 - a. Suggestions for Dec. 2017:
 - i. Concerned about “Pedestrian –vs- Car” safety
 - ii. Parking issues: Passes ahead of time? Too many people not carpooling
 - iii. Would love to help again when the time comes. Change parking locations and block whole street near Hotel
 - iv. Suggest time limit on arrivals for parade
 - e. Tree Removal
 - i. Took down Christmas tree on 12.4.16 by Jim’s crew at Gold Electric
 - ii. Took about 30 minutes
 - iii. Christmas décor will be in storage unit and cleaned up area where tree was staged.
- VII. New Business
- a. Irish Days – March 18th, 2017
 - i. 1st meeting on Thursday, January 12th, 2017 at 8:30am at the new Fire Departments new meeting room at 34 Jones Street downstairs
- VIII. Upcoming Events: Check out weekly email and our website events
- a. MLK Day: January 16th, 2017
 - b. Chinese New Year: January 28th, 2017
 - c. January 10th, 2017: Dim Sum with Mary Trotter, 10am-12pm at Marisolio
 - d. President’s Day Weekend: February 18th & 19th, 2017
- IX. Music Happenings
- a. Grover Anderson at Stevenot Wine Down Friday, January 6th, 2017 at 5pm at Stevenot Winery
 - b. Sourdough Slim’s Wild & Woolly Revue: January 7th, 2017 at 7:30pm at Black Bart Theater

- c. Barrel Room Bash with Jill Warren: January 14th, 2017 at 5:30pm at 3300 Murphys Grade Road, also La Esperanza Taco Truck
- d. Whim Sip & Paint: Friday, January 20th, 2017 from 6pm-9pm at Milliaire Winery: 16x20 canvas and instructor led \$45/person and 1st glass of wine is free
- e. Plan B: Saturday, January 21st, 2017 at 9pm at the Lucky Penny
- X. Announcements/Reminders
 - a. Next Meeting on Thursday, February 2nd, 2017 at 8:30am at the Murphys Hotel: Ground Hog Day
- XI. Updates from Other Community Groups: Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau/Wine Grape Alliance/Murphys Community Club/Business Associations/Service Groups/Library/Old Timers Museum
 - a. Jonelle Whitehouse: Signal Service and Murphys Creek Theater Representative
 - i. New MCT board members and ideas for 2017
 - ii. New developments and revamping MCT Group
 - 1. Rachel Rulles: New Director
 - 2. A few guest directors for 2017
 - iii. First show: Elephant Man playing from 2.17.17-3.5.17
 - iv. Mary Anne from 92.7 KZSQ is directing shows as well
 - v. Sourdough Slim Wild & Wooly Review on 1.7.17
 - vi. "One Woman Show" January 27-29, 2017
 - vii. Focus for 2017: Raising funds for theater; improvements; ads on Facebook page; continuing the theater experience
 - viii. MCT.org for more details
 - b. Old Timer's Museum: Still working on building improvements
 - c. MCC: 1st Friday shows in the park start in June on the 2nd Friday only
 - i. More bocce ball events for 2017
 - ii. Tom Jackson is the new President of MCC
- XII. Other Comments, Concerns, Opinions, Suggestions, Rumors, Announcements, Etc.
 - a. Nothing to list
- XIII. Adjournment:
 - a. Meeting adjourned by Steve at 9:11am
- XIV. Next General Membership Meeting will be Thursday, February 2nd, 2017 at 8:30am at the Murphys Hotel