



The Murphys Business Association aims to increase awareness of the greater Murphys area businesses, attractions, and special events, promote a healthy business climate, and encourage high ethics and professional standards.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES for Thursday, May 7th, 2026, 8:30 am – On ZOOM

Call to Order and Introductions by President Scott Klann:

Scott Klann - President
June Andona - VP
Kirsten Gomez - Treasurer
Michelle Plotnik - Secretary
Roni Johnson (Gold Rush Designs & more)
Dave Meade (MCC)
Bridget Myers (CCF)
Carol Roscelli (MCC)

Bob Smith (Jazz Cellars)
Patty Schulz (The Spice Tin)
Suki Tuthill (SNAC)
Michael Summers (Summers Consulting)
Jody Garcia (CWA)
Ann Marie Conrad (Murphys Wine Bar)
Doug Conrad (Murphys Wine Bar)

Minutes:

Michelle Presented the minutes. Patty motioned they be approved, Michael seconded, and the motion passed with no opposition.

Treasurer's Report:

Michelle & Kirsten presented the current report with Michelle pointing out the areas of interest and noting that it appears that we will finish the year in the black, which is better than we had anticipated. She noted that was primarily due to a good Irish Day as every other income category was down. Patty motioned that we approve the Financial Report, Roni seconded, and the motion passed with no opposition.

Old Business, Updates & Continuing Discussion Topics:

Scott lead a discussion and review of Spring Wine Weekend and Irish Day noting that the good weather helped make Irish Day a success this year. Jody reported that sales were down for Spring Wine Weekend (SWW), probably due to a combination of the economy and weather. She noted that the lower sales probably contributed to a better experience for the folks who did come. Patty reported that the people she saw at SWW were wonderful and that she saw plenty of young people participating. Scott said that the wine industry feels that things may be beginning a turnaround and starting to recover.

Proposed Slate of Officers for June Elections:

Scott presented the proposed slate of officers for next month's elections.
President – Scott Klann of Newsome Harlow
Vice Pres. - June Andona of Murphys Pourhouse
Secretary – Michelle Plotnik, Architect
Treasurer – Kirsten Gomez of Books on Main

Review, Discuss, & Approve Proposed Bylaws & Conflict of Interest Statement:

Michelle presented the updated Amended & Restated Bylaws and answered a couple of questions. Bob motioned that we approve them as presented, Michael seconded, and the motion passed with no opposition.

Michelle presented the proposed Conflict of Interest Statement. Patty motioned that we approve them as presented, Bob seconded, and the motion passed with no opposition.

Social Media Report:

June reported that it's increasingly challenging to source people pictures. She is looking for photos of people enjoying themselves doing something in Murphys, preferably pictures from people visiting or participating in events. Please share your photos with her by tagging her when posting yourself or sending them directly to her by text or email (916.531.4169 june@murphyspourhouse.com).

New Business:

Scott & Michelle briefly introduced the idea of Dinner on Main. An event that showcases our food and drink businesses (and maybe local entertainment) with a dinner in the street, eventually on Main Street but possibly beginning with a small event on Church by Hovey Winery or ??

This would be a 2027 event. Ann Marie mentioned that there is a business called Out Standing in a Field that organizes these events and offered to contact them to see how the partnering/profit-sharing works and get some details. There seemed to be some enthusiasm for trying to develop an event along these lines.

There was some additional discussion of partnership opportunities with other organizations including Murphys Community Club) and CCF (Calaveras Community Foundation) or fundraising for a local cause.

Doug shared that they would like to see more activities during events to entice people down to the end of the street near DEA. He said they would like to see the parades come through the Murphys Hotel parking lot as we used to do with kids parade at Open House. Michelle and Jody said that it wasn't logistically possible with the kinds of parades and floats that we have now. Doug also would like to see more family friendly entertainment stationed at that end of town and the stage moved to the road closure. We briefly discussed the possibilities and challenges and agreed to look at it further for next year's Irish Day event. Doug said he should probably get more involved in the planning.

Announcements, Reminders, Events & Happenings:

Carol Roscelli reminded everybody of the upcoming Mutt March, reported on the refurbished toilet rooms in the Park and solicited donations and memberships from business owners. She noted that MCC puts on a lot of events (fundraising for the Park) that she believes benefits the community and businesses. Michelle mentioned that the MBA is a sponsor of the June First Friday every year. (We also make annual donations to help with the cost of maintaining the toilets in the Park). Michelle mentioned that everybody, businesses and organizations, are suffering a bit right now and it's challenging to get donations and sponsorships. Dave reiterated that he is interested in partnering with the MBA on events that could benefit both organizations (MBA and MCC). Dave mentioned Homecoming as an opportunity for the MBA to get involved and do something to raise funds.

Suki mentioned that she'd like to see the Old Timers Luncheon come back and Carol & Dave said they were planning to bring it back this year. Suki also mentioned that she loved the idea of Dinner on Main and mentioned the Nocturnal Market in France as inspiration.

Michael shared the Murphys School of Music's upcoming Spring Concert on Saturday and told us about a new band in the works, The Telepathics, coming this summer.

We briefly talked about upcoming events including Memorial Day Weekend, the Murphys Farmers Market, and Frog Jump with June mentioning that we are trying to position Murphys as a kind of mini-Sturgis to embrace the bikers who will be here.

Scott had left a little early to judge some wines, so Michelle adjourned the meeting at 9:35.

Adjournment: Our Next Meeting is June 4th, 2026, and will include Election of Directors & Officers & approval of the budget for the remainder of 2026.

Visit our [members-only FB page](#) for updates and to post anything you'd like to share.

Our Membership Meetings occur on the first Thursday in February, March, April, June, August, October, and December. The December meeting is a Tree Decorating Party

Please invite your neighboring businesses or other interested parties to join us. It is not necessary to be an Association member to participate in events, planning committees, or meetings.

[ZOOM LINK](#) TO MBA BI-MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS – No Zoom in July