

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Vicki Kemna at Southern Boone County Public Library Community Room.

Board Members Present: Vicki Kemna, Tracy Eichhorn, Tim Roth, Eric Barmann, Ann Colgrove, Whitney Jaegers and Chelsea Wren

Absent: Maureen Dalton, Tracy Banning and Becky Edwards

Quorum: Yes

Others Present: Sue Donnelly (Paca Pressing Mat), Letitia Denhartog (Ashland Optimist), Faryn Griffin (SBC YMCA), Melissa Karotka (Columbia EDP), Lonna Trammell (Ameren Missouri) and Sara Walsh (50th District State Rep)

Guest Presentation

Corey D. Williams from the US Small Business Administration shared information regarding small business and non-profit disaster relief. Loans for physical or economic injury are available and the deadline to apply is April 9, 2020. If you are a business or non-profit seeking disaster relief the first step is to register through FEMA.

Additions to the Agenda

The Walking School Bus program is growing and needs volunteers! Kids arrive any time between 7:00 am and 7:20 am at the Ashland Public Library parking lot. The group leaves promptly at 7:20 am and returns to the library at approximately 8:15 am, Sept 3-Oct 4 this fall. If you can help or have questions, please contact Joan Seidel at jseidelpetralia@gmail.com or 573-657-4601.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the July 2019 meeting were presented. Tracy Eichhorn and Eric Barmann made a motion and second to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by Board vote.

Treasurer's Report

The July financial statement was presented.

Income: \$1,205.41

Expenses: \$100.00

Monthly End Bank Balance as of 7/31/2019 was \$17,139.06.

Actual Balance on Hand as of 8/8/2019 was \$17,139.06.

Ann Colgrove and Whitney Jaegers made a motion and a second to approve the report. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved by Board vote.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee: No new information.

Ambassadors Committee: We have several new businesses in town with upcoming ribbon cutting events being planned by Chelsea Wren.

Special Events/Quarterly Membership: Motivational speaker, Chad Carden, will focus on employee engagement during the Chamber's Quarterly Event on September 18 to be held at the Ashland Optimist building. The event will start at 7:30 am with breakfast. The program will run from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. MU Therapy is sponsoring the event.

SBEDC: Ann Colgrove reported the Business Growth and Branding/Marketing subgroups have been meeting. Projects they are working on include: developing a survey to identify business and increase communication, highway signage and grant writing workshops. A suggestion was made to invite Mike Schupp with MODOT to visit with the Chamber regarding upcoming projects, etc.

Website: No new report.

Newsletter: No new report.

Budget/Finance: No new information.

Unfinished Business

The Chamber Gala/fundraising event is scheduled for March 7 at the Optimist Building. Interest for the event may be a dinner/dance or comedian.

New Business

Eric Barmann made a motion to sponsor advertisement in the Boone County Journal's Community magazine. Tracy Eichhorn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Eric Barmann made a motion to table discussion regarding Home for the Holidays planning. Chelsea Wren seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Announcements:

The Second Annual YMCA Golf Tournament will be held on September 28th. All proceeds will benefit the YMCA's Outreach Program, assisting those in need for the Southern Boone community.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Eric Barmann and a second by Tracy Eichhorn to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Next Board Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 12 at 8:00 am in the Southern Boone County Public Library Community Room.