



**Chamber Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2020**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Tracy at Southern Bone County R-I Schools Central Office Board Room.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Tracy Titmus (P), Tim Roth (Sec), Tracy Banning, Melissa Karotka, and Chelsea Wren

Absent: Whitney Jaegers (VP), Eric Barmann (Treas), Ann Colgrove, Derek Tamm and Becky Edwards

Quorum: yes

Welcome – Introduction of Guests

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the October 8, 2020 meeting were presented.

Tracy and Chelsea made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report

Monthly End Bank Statement as of October 2020 and cash balance on hand was \$23,822.96.

Motion was made by Melissa and Tracy to approve the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved by the board.

Committee Reports/New Chairpersons:

Membership: Notice for payment of dues will go out soon. The team will research electronic payment so this can be an option.

Ambassadors: No report provided

Special Events/Quarterly Membership: Breakfast for Your Brain was a success. It was a great program and there were 10 in attendance.

The members of the board discussed holding a social event. The Legion Hall was discussed as the location. A motion was made by Tracy and seconded by Melissa to pay up to \$75.00 to rent the Hall.

The members of the board discussed a sponsor for the social. Chelsea made a motion to spend up to \$250.00 from the Chamber's account to purchase food and drinks for the social. Tim enthusiastically seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the membership.

SBEDC: Christopher Felmler gave a report to the membership. The EDA gave preliminary approval of \$4.5 million to the development of a satellite campus for Ranken Technical School in Ashland. The Council has a few questions that the EDA has asked for feedback on before finalizing the grant. It is expected to have secured final approval by the start of the new year.

The Chamber membership discussed the importance of working together to hire a full or part time City employee to focus on economic development and fostering new businesses and industry in the Southern Boone region.

Lastly, the membership discussed having the SBEDC merge with the Chamber.

Website: Jason and Mat met to discuss development of the webpage and designing a shared web page with the SBEDC to help offset costs.

Newsletter: No report submitted.

Budget/Finance: No report submitted.

Unfinished Business

The members discussed the "Home for the Holidays" event and the holiday window decoration competition. A static parade proposal has been submitted to the Department of Health and the City is awaiting feedback from the Department.

New Business

The members discussed the annual meeting and awards. The team will work on composing an operational plan for the Department of Health to approve. Tish is going to ask Barrett Glascock if the Chamber can use the Optimist Hall for the event. During the discussion Barrett responded there will be no charge to use the Hall. Planning for a meal was tabled until the December meeting.

Business prospects:

There was discussion of a tanning salon opening in Ashland.

Other Announcements:

The members discussed a presentation by Bill Rupered on native plants and flowers in Southern Boone County. He created the butterfly gardens at the Public Library.

Second Saturday was discussed. A plan for the event was submitted to the Department of Health. There has been a lot of excitement with this monthly event!

The 2020-2021 board was discussed and Tim was appointed as Vice President and Becky as Secretary. Melissa made a motion to approve the slate of new board members and Tim second. The membership approved the motion and appointment of the new board.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Chelsea and Tim to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Next Board Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 10, at 8:00 am at the Southern Boone School District Central Office board room.