



**Chamber Board Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2022**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03am by Becky Edwards at the Southern Boone School Central Office.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Becky Edwards (VP), Melissa Karotka (Sec), Faryn Griffin, Ann Colgrove, Laurie DiPietro, Jesse Wheadon, April Hayes

Absent: Tracy Titmus (PP), Tim Roth (P), Tracy Banning

Others Present: Laticia DenHartog, Virginia Steiger, Athena Beaudoin, Claire Linzie, Kip Batye, Liz Heyen, Jason Reynolds

Quorum: yes

Introduction of Guests: Andrew and Lawrence from MO DOT.

Additions:

Mo Dot Bus survey

Approval of the Minutes

The July minutes were presented.

Faryn Griffin and Ann Colgrove made motions to approve the minutes. Board approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Expenses: \$649.09

Income: \$12.84

Monthly End Bank Statement as of 8/11/2022 was \$42,182.88

Motions made by Melissa Karotka and April Hayes to approve the treasurer's report. July Treasurer's report approved.

Committee Reports/New Chairpersons:

Membership/Ambassadors: Jesse Wheadon

The Burg was to have a ribbon cutting at the end of August, they may move due to scheduling conflict with a potential band.

Special Events/Quarterly Membership: Nabrina Kettner and April Hayes

August 31 will be the staff appreciation lunch for the schools. Tim will send out a sign up sheet for it this week.

Sept 8 will be breakfast for your brain at the Senior Center starting at 7:30am with Tracy Titmus from Mid MO Arts Alliance presenting.

State filing is still moving along, waiting for final approvals from the State.

SBEDC: Liz Heyen

Still considering doing a fund raiser, working on details for that.

Website and Newsletter: Faryn Griffin

Working with Matt and Jason on a few formatting tweaks

Continue to send Faryn events, announcements to add to the newsletter.

Budget/Finance: Tracy Banning

No new items

City Of Ashland Report:

Ashland Betterment Coalition: Claire Linzie and Tracy Titmus

Working on the 3rd session of their strategic planning workshop. This one will discuss topics like fund raising, filing for 501c3 status, EIN etc. Chamber made mention of possible sponsorship available from the Chamber for an upcoming something that the ABC may have in mind.

Unfinished Business:

Nomination of Letitia DenHartog to replace Carrie Bennett's board position. Board voted all in favor of Letitia finishing the remaining time of Carrie's seat on the board.

New Business

MO DOT bus study presented by Andrew and Lawrence, asked the chamber to share the ongoing survey to residents about a possible bus route that would connect Columbia to Jefferson City with stops at the airport as well as Ashland. This would be a way to utilize resources better like the airport and Amtrak. They are potentially reaching out to OATS to see if they can partner with them as well as local hotels. This would potentially operate Mon – Sat. Chamber members recommended they also reach out to REDI in Columbia for additional support.

● Business prospects:

- Taco Bell coming. Scooters is moving along. Heated/cooled storage units coming soon to the area. As well as another opportunity from Dave Westhoff, looking to invite him to an upcoming meeting to discuss this more.

- **Other Announcements:**

Ashley Garfius is the new Exec Director of Ashland Villa.

Sept 24 is the YMCA Golf fundraiser. Still looking for a few sponsorships. This will help fund outreach along with the capital campaign, with the goal of \$35k from this event.

The next phase of the YMCA will be the Gymnasium and the elevated track. Currently in the beginning stages of planning with architects for design.

Adjourn

Motions made by Ann Colgrove and Faryn Griffin to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:57am

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting is October 13, 2022 at the Southern Boone Administration Building.