

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:06am by chamber president Tim Roth at the Southern Boone School District Central Office.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Tim Roth (P), Becky Edwards (VP), Melissa Karotka (Sec), Tracy Banning (Tres), Faryn Griffin, Laurie DiPietro, Jesse Wheadon, April Hayes, Letitia DenHartog

Absent:

Others Present: Virginia Steiger, Ken Bishop, Athena Beaudoin, Tim Roth, Brandon Glascock, Bill Ruppert, Jason Reynolds, Izzy Smith, Liz Heyen, Katie Williamson, Jacob G (Central Bank).

Quorum: yes

Introduction of Guests: None today

Additions:

None

Approval of the Minutes

The October minutes were presented.

Becky Edwards and Letitia DenHartog made motions to approve the minutes. Board approved with name spelling adjustments.

Treasurer's Report

Expenses: \$1,586.25

Income: \$2300.23

Monthly End Bank Statement as of 10/13/2022 is \$39,611.86

Motions made by Ann Colgrove and April Hayes to approve the treasurer's report. October Treasurer's report approved.

Committee Reports/New Chairpersons:

Membership/Ambassadors: Jesse Wheadon

Izzy Smith to have a ribbon cutting at 5:30 on October 27th at her newly updated office in Ashland. Come and visit, say hi and have a beverage.

Special Events/Quarterly Membership: April Hayes

October event has been canceled. November brings the Thankful for You lunches. Sign up sheet will be coming soon for the November 16th lunch.

SBEDC: Vicki Kemna, Brandon Glascock

There was not a quorum at their last meeting so not much official business was able to be voted on. They do have a set of by-laws and have positions they are working to fill. If you know of any property available in Ashland please let the SBEDC committee know so they can promote it, and work to fill it.

Taco Bell should be open by December, and Scooters should be open by November. Yummy Yo's still working on logistics behind the scenes.

Website and Newsletter: Faryn Griffin

3 billable hours in Sept. Keep sharing information. She is taking over the newsletter responsibilities as well. These hours will be added to her billable hours

Budget/Finance: Tracy Banning

Finalizing the 2023 budget, and will bring it to the board for approval.

City Of Ashland Report:

No report

Ashland Betterment Coalition: Izzy Smith

October 29 will be the taste around Ashland BINGO fundraiser. There is still room for participants, \$7 pre pay or \$10 the day of. Funds will go to the planters around town. All their social media accounts are up- Ashland Betterment Coalition.

Unfinished Business:

By Law updates for the chamber: committee still working on a few revisions. Will have a draft available for the board to review before the next board meeting.

New Business

Software options – Jason, Faryn and Matt are working on some alternatives for zoom. The only time that zoom is not a good fit is for the few times a year the candidate forum. At these times there is not enough room for all attendees, the better option may be just to pay for those few times to have more capacity instead of an annual cost.

Financial software: Apolos the current product is increasing their price, significantly. Tracy is looking at QuickBooks or other options and will send pricing and details to the board in the next few weeks for review. The current pricing expires October 31, and will have to have a solution prior to that date.

- **Business prospects:**

- None

- **Other Announcements:**

October 28 there will be 2 waves of young friends going through the YMCA for trick or treating. Anyone is welcome to come and pass out treats for these young friends. There will be about 66 kids, times are 8:45 and 1:15.

YMCA Monster Dash is coming up – local 5k to go to the capital campaign for the Y. Middle School is going to schedule a ribbon cutting for their new building, giving the community an opportunity to see the updates of the school.

The Marching Band show is this weekend, enjoy the music, parade and marching shows.

Missouri Organic Association – they have put a lot into updating the old Grand location. This building is beautifully built, trying to preserve the décor, yet update to be accommodating to entertainment. They have several upcoming events that are family and kid friendly. Check out the Chamber newsletters for information on these events and more to come. They are currently looking for a local non profit to donate some of the accumulated decorations from the restaurant, anyone know of a local non profit doing a rummage sale that they would benefit from these please let them know.

Rankin – moving along nicely. Check out the updates on Prost Builders Facebook and LinkedIn pages. They are looking to set up a tour date for the chamber and SBEDC prior to the opening.

School Bond issues is finishing up. Moving on to the high school for the electronic score board and the turf field. Looking for donations for more bleachers. School enrollment is up to 2000, to put it in perspective, in 2012 enrollment was 1200.

Chamber board updates: 5 board member terms are expiring December 2022, 2 are eligible for a second term, Melissa Karotka and April Hayes. There are 3 that are not eligible for a second term. It has been proposed to fill two spots with Izzy Smith and Virginia Steiger. This will go through the process of posting and voting in the coming weeks. With a final vote at the December board meeting for new members.

Adjourn

Motions made by Ann Colgrove and April Hayes to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:02am

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting is November 10, 2022 at the Southern Boone Administration Building.