

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m. by Chamber President, Melissa Karotka, at the Southern Boone School District Central Office.

Board Members Present

Melissa Karotka (President), April Hayes (Vice President), Tracy Banning (Treas), Faryn Griffin (Secretary), Jesse Wheadon, Laurie DiPietro, Letitia Denhartog, Izzy Smith, Virginia Steigers, Tim Roth (Past President)

Absent: None

Quorum: Yes

Introduction of Guests

Sarah Hodapp with First Midwest Bank

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting were presented.

Corrections to the minutes: Jason Garrett should be Jacob Garrett.

Jesse Wheadon and Faryn Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report

Income: \$2,915.16

Expenses: \$1,352.67

Monthly End Bank Statement as of 11/30/2022 and cash balance on hand as of 1/11/2023 was \$42,869.19.

Motion was made by Letitia DenHartog and Izzy Smith to approve the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved by the board.

Committee Reports/New Chairpersons:

Membership/Ambassadors: Jesse Wheadon

Ribbon Cuttings - reached out to Scooters and Taco Bell, but neither have submitted membership applications at this time.

Special Events: April Hayes

Next event – *Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards* (1/19) at the Optimist. *Breakfast for your Brain* will be February 9th at the Senior Center, meeting will follow (Zoom will not be available). March 11th is *80's Prom*. *Chamber Days Leadership Breakfast* will be April 20th at the Optimist.

Website & Newsletter: Faryn Griffin

No updates – send events and any website errors to Faryn

Budget & Finance: Tracy Banning

Will be seeing expenses for fundraiser – items were already listed in the approved budget.

City of Ashland Updates

City Of Ashland Report: Kyle Michael

Scooters is open – now traffic issues

Taco Bell is doing well – constantly busy

Impact Fees vs Sales Tax vs Used Tax – Board has stepped away from the impact fee, but want to do a sales tax to focus more on public safety and street funding. If this goes out on April Ballot, there will be more discussion ASAP to get the word out and educate the community. Kyle has also been in contact with Nextsite to retrieve a little more data.

SBEDC: Vicki Kemna

No quorum at the last meeting. Working on by-laws at the moment. Trying to get more volunteers and shift focus on another project, as Ranken Technical College is moving right along.

ABC: Jesse Wheadon

Monthly meetings have been moved to the 1st Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The meetings are open to the public. The group is trying gain more involvement and to educate people on what the group's goals and missions are.

They have received 2 grants with the help of the Ag Department at the school district. These grants will help fund the cost of the planters.

The past fundraiser of BINGO went well for the first fundraiser.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Need to establish 2023 committee chairs and volunteers. Will send out descriptions and list in the weekly newsletter asap.

Candidate Forum – Tim will reach out to Vicki Kemna on details of the forum such as date, time, etc.

Business prospects

None

Other Announcements:

Southern Boone County Library – *Winter Reading* on 1/16. *Food Drive* will start January 16th – 31st. Bring in an item to be entered for an insta pot.

Southern Boone Schools – Looking for volunteers in February the 1st, 2nd, 15th, & 16th to help establish a Comprehensive Improvement Plan.

Ranken Technical College – Crane coming next week and the school is starting to work with the school district on establishing a curriculum.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Izzy Smith and Laurie DiPietro to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.

Next Board Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 9th 2023 at 8:00 am at the Southern Boone Senior Center.