

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:11 a.m. by Chamber President, Melissa Karotka, at the Southern Boone Senior Center.

Board Members Present

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

Absent: Laurie DiPietro, Izzy Smith

Quorum: Yes

Introduction of Guests

Jessica Crump & Tyklen Salmons with Southern Boone Area YMCA

DJ Daller with Central Bank

Lisa Driskill

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting were presented.

Corrections to the minutes: none

Tim Roth and Virginia Steigers made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report

Income: \$5,001.55

Expenses: \$2,136.54

Monthly End Bank Statement as of 1/31/2023 was \$44,583.05 and cash balance on hand as of 2/9/2023 was \$44,523.05.

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

Committee Reports/New Chairpersons:

Membership/Ambassadors: Jacob Garrett/Tracy Banning

Ribbon Cuttings – none

New Members – 73 renewals and 9 new members

Special Events: April Hayes

Next event – March 11th is *80's Prom*. Purchase Tickets!! *Chamber Days Leadership Breakfast* will be April 20th at the Optimist. Speaker will be Nic Parks w/ Lakeside Ashland

Website & Newsletter: Faryn Griffin

No updates – send events and any website errors to Faryn

Budget & Finance: Tracy Banning

No updates – things look well

City of Ashland Updates

City Of Ashland Report: Kyle Michael

Park master planning is moving forward w Drury students.

City is trying to expand waster water treatment. They are applying for grants.

Sales Tax will be on the April ballot. Marijuana and increase for street maintenance. If the street maintenance gets passed it will reduce property tax levy.

*Board voted on supporting the cities plans and educating the community. Motion was made by Faryn Griffin and Tim Roth in supporting the sales tax increase. This was approved by the board.

SBEDC: Vicki Kemna

No update

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 planters are moving forward and they have designs done.

Unfinished Business

Candidate Forum – Vicky still working on this.

New Business

None

Business prospects

None

Other Announcements:

Southern Boone Senior Center – *March 2nd - 3rd* is the fundraiser for the Senior Center. Lunch, games, silent auction.

Southern Boone Schools – Working on Comprehensive Improvement Plan. April 17th will be mock interviews for the Seniors.

Central Bank – Artwork Show

Adjourn

Motion was made by Tim Roth and April Hayes to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Next Board Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 9th 2023 at 8:00 am at the Southern Boone School District Central Office.