**Chamber of Commerce**
SOUTHERN BOONE COUNTY

## Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Chamber Vice President, April Hayes, at the Southern Boone Elementary School.

## Board Members Present
Faryn Griffin (Secretary), Letitia Denhartog, Virginia Steiger, Izzy Smith, Laurie DiPietro, April Hayes Tim Roth (Past President)

Absent: Melissa Karotka (President), Tracy Banning (Treasurer)

Quorum:  Yes

## Introduction of Guests

Scott Young  – Interim Police Chief

Ryan Yager – Robinson-Yager Funeral Home

## Approval of the Minutes
The minutes of the July meeting were presented.
Letitia DenHartog and Izzy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by the board.

## Treasurer's Report
Income: $529.00
Expenses: $367.83
Monthly End Bank Statement as of 7/31/2023 was $44,755.20 and cash balance on hand as of 8/10/2023 was $44,755.20
Motion was made by Faryn Griffin and Virginia Steiger 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
Jacob Garrett & Tracy not present. April gave update. Membership folders will be in 2024.
2 new members: ABC & Slumberland

Special Events: April Hayes
Teacher appreciation will be August 24th.  Click link on newsletter to RSVP.
Fall Fest - September 9th
Sips & Tips on September 21st at Eagle Knoll. "Good Health is for Good Business".
Thankful 4 You event in November. Meals for Chamber members.
Christmas Parade in December. No date yet. Park Board will come up with date.

Website & Newsletter: Faryn Griffin
Looking into another newsletter platform. Currently using MailerLite and lots of members are not receiving the newsletters. Going to try Constant Contact on free trial, then give update in regards to switching from MailerLite.

Budget & Finance: Tracy Banning
Under budget. Things look good.

**City of Ashland Updates**
City Of Ashland Report: Kyle Michael
South Main project is underway.
Chip & seal on henry clay in the future.
Perry Ave will be underway in a week or two.
City posted survey from Boone county master plan on facebook. Encourage everyone to take survey.
Introduced Scott Young – he mentioned hes big on communication and if there are ever any issues to reach out.

SBEDC: Chris Felmlee
Chris mentioned continuing the conversation about partnership with ABC, SBEDC, and Chamber. Working on establishing a meeting to discuss topics.

ABC: Izzy Smith
Hosted 4th of Firework Show – was a GREAT event. Approximately 400 people. Next year it will be a day full of activities.
Planters will be available again. There are 4 businesses interested in a planter.
Working on maybe Santa and reindeer during December.
Really focusing on the fundraisers that have been successful and making them great.

**Unfinished Business**
Partnership between groups – continue the conversation. Group leaders will be getting together to discuss a date in October.

**New Business**


**Business prospects**
None


**Other Announcements:**
Ranken Breafkast & Tour – for donors and those involved in the process of the facility. Make sure to RSVP. In September they will have a open house for the community.
Poker Run for Sadie Robinett on September 9th.
SBYMCA Golf Tournament is September 30th. Looking for more donors and teams. Funds go to Capital Campaign.
School is in full prep for the new school year. Stadium project is looking good. Will be finished soon. Scoreboard still needs sponsors. There is already 1 main sponsor. August 29th is the first day of school. Marching Eagles have an event this Friday, August 11th at the school. There may be a potential bond issues for the high school.
Fall sports have started & teams are going around asking for donations/sponsorships.


**Adjourn**
Motion was made by Jesse Wheadon and Virgina Steiger to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.


**Next Board Meeting**
Our next meeting is scheduled for September 14th  2023 at 8:00 am at the Southern Boone School District Central Office.