



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by President, Melissa Karotka, at Southern Boone School District Central Office.

Board Members Present: Melissa Karotka (President), April Hayes (Vice President), Jesse Wheadon, Laurie DiPietro, Letitia Denhartog, Izzy Smith, Virginia Steigers, Tim Roth (Past President)

Absent: Tracy Banning, Faryn Griffin

Quorum: Yes

Welcome – Introduction of Guests

Ross Whelan, Skyhawks Sports

Additions to Agenda

No Additions.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the August meeting were presented.

Melissa Karotka amended the minutes to state that at the previous meeting, Letitia Denhartog made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Izzy Smith seconded the motion.

Laurie DiPietro and Izzy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved and amended by the board.

Treasurer's Report

The October 2023 report was presented:

Income \$200.00

Expenses: \$32.50

Monthly End Bank Statement as of September 30, 2023 and cash balance on hand as of September 30, 2023 was \$43,878.55.

The November 2023 report was presented:

Income \$200.25

Expenses: \$871.53

Monthly End Bank Statement as of November 9, 2023 and cash balance on hand as of November 9, 2023 was \$43,207.27.

Motion was made by Letitia Denhartog and Laurie DiPietro to approve the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved by the board.

Committee Reports/New Chairpersons

Membership/Ambassadors: Jacob Garrett

Ribbon Cutting:

Jacob Garrett with Bell Bank will hold an open house and Ribbon Cutting on December 5 starting at 4:30, with ribbon cutting to be done at 5:30.

New Members:

None

Special Events: April Hayes

Next event:

November 29, Thankful for you event at the Y. Please use the Google doc link to order.

December 1, Christmas parade. If anyone wants to participate, please contact April. Santa Letters will be done again this year, mailbox will be up at the Library from December 1 until December 15.

Website & Newsletter: Faryn Griffin

Faryn was absent. April let everyone know to watch out for the newsletter which is being sent with Constant Contact now. If any issues or you have flyers for events or job openings, please contact Faryn.

Budget & Finance: Tracy Banning

Tracy was absent. April passed around the board approved budget and let everyone know that a lot of the money next year would be spent on marketing.

City of Ashland Updates

City of Ashland Report: Kyle Michael

Darrin Ratterman came on behalf of the City. Ashland Family Counseling will be starting new construction on their building soon as well as O'Reilly's Auto Parts. A new subdivision is being built, Founder's Ridge, across from Sunset Meadows. The city is updating the land use code and it is still with Planning and Zoning, will have their final meeting on that and then it will go to the board for approval. A public forum will be held before the board vote. The streets department has completed the Main Street improvements and striping will be done in Spring. Perry Avenue has started and will hopefully be done by the end of the month. There will be a new strip mall business going in off Route Y near Settor's Knoll.

SBEDC: Jesse Wheadon/Izzy Smith

They had no quorum for a meeting, but provided an update in the board packet. They are working with the City regarding the upcoming bond issue proposal for the wastewater treatment plant. They are following up on the progress for site plans with Liberty Square Industrial Park, O'Reilly Auto Parts, CCS Property Management, Ashland Family Counseling and Centralia Investment Group. They have shared commercial rental opportunities at Boone's Corner, Liberty Square Industrial Park, CCS Property Management, the former Helping Hands location and the former Namaste Healthcare location. Their next meeting will be December 13.

ABC: Izzy Smith

They will have Santa and Reindeer on December 8 at In Any Event, opportunities for pictures, family friendly activities and vendors for Christmas shopping. FSCB is a sponsor. They are looking for a drink sponsor in the amount of \$350 and a reindeer sponsor in the amount of \$500. Planters will soon have winter/Christmas décor.

Unfinished Business

At the previous meeting, an auditor of the finances was discussed. Ann Colgrove will research who to use and speak with Tracy regarding this issue.

New Business

It was agreed that the By-Laws may need to be reviewed again this year and focus on the mission statement and goals of the Chamber. April Hayes, Melissa Karotka, Tim Roth, Laurie DiPietro, Ann Colgrove and Becky Edwards volunteered to review the by-laws and have any edits ready for the December meeting.

Melissa Karotka announced that the board has approved new board members for 2024 to fill seats of those whose terms are expiring. The board approved Ken Bishop, with Ashland Senior Center, Jacob Garrett with Bell Bank and Claire Linzie with Angell & Co to fill the three open seats.

New executive board members were presented to the board. April Hayes, President, Jesse Wheadon, Vice President, Faryn Griffin, Secretary and Claire Linzie, Treasurer. Letitia Denhartog made a motion to approve the executive board members and Virginia Steiger seconded the motion. All approved.

Business prospects:

None.

Other Announcements:

Virginia is a member of Women in Construction and they will hold an event called Blockheads, for kids at the Optimist on January 20. She will get flyers out.

A Veterans Day assembly will be held at the high school from 1 until 2 today. Parent teacher conferences will be today as well from 4-7 and again on Friday from 8-11.

The school will also be hosting a public forum on November 14 at 6:00 in the High School commons to discuss the need for funding for new construction at the high school.

The Optimist basketball program is in need of volunteers.

Mary Jane's Place gave information about their new business location. They will be a consumption lounge opening in the next few weeks. They will have an event space and several activities. They will have registered nurses on staff to educate consumers about the medicinal benefits of marijuana. They plan to give back to the community and several charities. They are hoping to host a grand opening on New Year's Eve.

The Southern Boone Journal thanked all those who participated, voted and sponsored the Halloween Houses. They are going to do a Christmas house decorating contest and will do that earlier so that the winners can be announced prior to Christmas. They will need donations for prizes. They will look at creating a business category to get business owners involved.

Guest, Ross Whelan, let everyone know that Skyhawks Sports will host camps in Jefferson City and Columbia December 26-29.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Jesse Wheadon and April Hayesto adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Next Board Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2023 at 8:00 am at Central Office.