



Chamber Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 14th

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by President, April Hayes, at Southern Boone Elementary School Library.

Board Members Present: April Hayes (President), Jesse Wheadon (Vice President), Claire Linzie (Treasurer), Faryn Griffin (Secretary), Ken Bishop, Letitia Denhartog, Izzy Smith, Virginia Steiger, Jacob Garrett, Melissa Karotka (past president)

Absent:

Quorum: Yes

Welcome – Introduction of Guests

No guests.

Additions to Agenda

No Additions.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were presented.

Izzy Smith and Virginia made a motion to approve the minutes, based on the change of Virginia's name with Board Members Present. The minutes were approved and amended by the board.

Treasurer's Report

The February 2024 report was presented:

Income \$1,049.98

Expenses: \$1,191.63 – Board Reimbursement, Jan payroll and REDI membership.

Monthly End Bank Statement as of January 31st, 2024 was \$46,584.56 and cash balance on hand as of March 14th, 2024 was \$49,614.60.

Motion was made by Jesse Wheadon 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

Memberships are up.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings
Lombardo Grand Opening at March 23rd
Yummy Yo's at 11:30
Mary Janes Place on 4/20
Boone Corner 5/2

New Members:
Callabyte Technology LLC
Martial Arts
With The Grain
Yummy Yo's

Special Events: Tracy Banning

Business Showcase Information is out and still accepting vendors! Open to the public. Free of charge to attend as the public. It's on socials, newsletter, website. Amanda is the speaker of the night, she is going to do a video about being the speaker.

There will be awards the night of the business showcase with appetizers. 2-3 hour event

Website & Newsletter: Faryn Griffin

Next monthly agenda and minutes will be sent out through constant contact, not Faryn's personal email.

Budget & Finance: Tracy Banning

Still trying to find someone to do the audit. Audit may not happen until after tax time.

City of Ashland Report: Kyle Michael

No update.

SBEDC: Kyle Michael

Leader Breakfast is April 18th at the Optimist. There will be updates about what's going on in City of Ashland. Kyle Michel will give City update, Tim will give a school update. \$20 before April 12th, \$25 at the door. Looking for sponsors still.

ABC: Izzy Smith

Trivia Night on 3/20th. Details are in the newsletter. They are still looking for businesses sponsorships. They have a tiered level starting at \$50. Fun rounds including Star Wars, Southern Boone History, etc. Trivia will be at Woody's.

Looking for more volunteers. Need man power to keep the events going. Asking Chamber 1 person to tell someone about the ABC.

Hosting the Kentucky Derby event again along with the Reindeer event.

REDI: Lisa Driskell

Working with the Economic Development Group. Shoutout to Izzy, Jacob and Virigina have helped in planning the REDI Mixer on March 21st it will be here in Southern Boone. Event is in the newsletter in Eagle Knoll from 4 – 6 pm. Program will have a panel of business owners, Mike Grellner and how we can attract businesses. Goal is 100 person for attendance.

Unfinished Business

Candidate Forum

March 25th, Monday at 7 pm. Bill Lloyd is the monitor this year. There is one person that cannot attend.

New Business

Upcoming Ballot Items

Two ballot initiatives. Much needed support for support and staff. Both issues are no tax increase.

Question 1 - \$11.6 million high school expansions construction project.

Question 2 - 20 cent levy transfer to help increase salaries for teachers and staff

Expansion will add a new ag wing, additional classrooms, roof repairs and parking lot improvements. Projects are needed at the high school to accommodate larger class sizes. HVAC issues are also built into the bond issues. Trying to figure out what to do with the Ag building: possibly multipurpose space. Timeline for expansion projects will place in 2025 and open fall of 2026.

Business prospects:

None.

Other Announcements:

School is starting the Golden Eagles Club will be 50 or older or business leader, the goal is to create a connection between students and the community. March 19th a Golden Eagles Community Breakfast. Representation from each building, breakfast, 3rd graders signing, Trent Tracy will give athletic updates.

Discover Ranken Day is this evening, open house to look at programs and meet faculty. Ranken Experience tomorrow for employers from 8 – 10 pm. April 26th is the ribbon cutting and grand opening at 10 am.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Jesse Wheadon and Claire Melvin adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Next Board Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 11th, 2024 at 9:01 am at Central Office.