



Chamber Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11th

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President, April Hayes, at Southern Boone Administration Building.

Board Members Present: April Hayes (President), Jesse Wheadon (Vice President), Claire Linzie (Treasurer), Faryn Griffin (Secretary), Letitia Denhartog, Izzy Smith

Absent: Ken Bishop, Virigina Steiger, Jacob Garret, Melissa Karotka (past president)

Quorum: Yes

Welcome – Introduction of Guests

Dave Raithel – Candidate for Missouri House, 44th District, Boone County

Additions to Agenda

No Additions.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were presented.

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

Treasurer's Report

The March 2024 report was presented:

Income \$3,400

Expenses: \$369.96 –Stamps, ribbon and WOM Spotlight

Monthly End Bank Statement as of 3/30/2024 was \$49,614.60 and cash balance on hand as of April 11th, 2024 was \$48,137.03

Isabelle posed the question about the threshold of our account. Is the Chamber wanting to not break the \$50,000 range? Chamber would have to file taxes if exceed the 50k amount.

Motion was made by Jesse Wheadon and Izzy Smith 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 within the last month.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings
Mary Janes Place on 4/20
Ranken Ribbon Cutting 4/26
Boone Corner 5/2

Special Events: Tracy Banning

Update given by April. Business Showcase and Job Fair. Amanda Quick is the speaker and they will have appetizers, give out awards. Nominations are out for awards. We are still accepting awards. Open to the public. Free of charge to attend as the public. It's on socials, newsletter, website. *4/12/2024 Last day for sponsorships and vendors acceptations. Would like to see more vendors come in.

The job fair will have lunch and breakfast and end with a happy hours. High school students will be there!

Building will open at 7 am on Friday and 4:30 pm on Thursday afternoon to give plenty of time for vendors

Website & Newsletter: Faryn Griffin

Send Faryn any information that you would like to see the newsletter.

Budget & Finance: Claire Linzie

Reached out to accounting plus about an audit. They do not do the type of audit. Gerding, Korte and Chitwood will be doing the audit after tax time.

City of Ashland Report: Kyle Michael

Election is over. Park Board is going to kick off the master planning, move some things around in the park or with trails.

Tuesday, should finalize contract with waste water engineering. Will have a better understanding of total cost.

Land Use Development Code process is still ongoing. Concerns with the downtown area. Looking at creating a specific zoning district for downtown. Working with a consultant on how to move forward.

SBEDC: Kyle Michael

Week away from the Leader Breakfast is April 18th at the Optimist. Good list of sponsors for the event, would like to see better general admission tickets. Lots of good speakers. \$20 before April 12th, \$25 at the door.

ABC: Izzy Smith

Pushed back meeting due to severe weather. Trivia night was a great turn out with a profit of about \$1,100.

Still focusing on planters. Callaway Bank is interested in one.

Looking for more volunteers. No membership cost, doesn't have to be a business owner.

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

REDI: Lisa Driskell

REDI Quarterly event – would have loved to see more Chamber representation. The event was a great event that exposed a lot of new people about what the community as to offer.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

No new business.

Business prospects:

None.

Other Announcements:

Tim Roth thanked everyone for voting in the election and is excited about the additions. Currently working with architects on plans.

Teachers are excited about the change of funds for the salary increase.

New School Board members, 2 new elected Jeremy Galloway and April Georgetti. Heather Brown has been appointed to take the vacancy of Crystal Branch.

School has been working on the surface of the track since last year. Company has been waiting on temperatures in to put rubber surface on. The soccer team has access to field and track has been going to new bloomfield to practice. The goal is to get the surface done as quickly as possible so that track kids can finish their season and hopefully the girls soccer season as well.

Student Lunch debt is \$34,000. There have been two donations estimated around \$7,000 recently. Those who need assistance should apply for the free and reduced program within the school.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Jesse Wheadon and Claire Melvin adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Next Board Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 9th, 2024 at 8:00 am at Central Office.