



Chamber Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 8th

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 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), Izzy Smith, Jacob Garrett, Letitia Denhartog, Ken Bishop,

Absent: Virginia Steiger, Melissa Karotka (past president)

Quorum: Yes

Welcome – Introduction of Guests

No guests.

Additions to Agenda

No Additions.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the July meeting were presented Izzy & Claire made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved and amended by the board.

Treasurer's Report

The July 2024 report was presented:

Income \$300.00

Expenses: \$0 – No expenses for the month. Monthly End Bank Statement as of 8/05/24 was \$38,382.79 and cash balance on hand as of 7/8/2024 was \$38,271.79.

Motion was made by Jesse & Letitia to approve the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved by the board.

Committee Reports/New Chairpersons

Membership/Ambassadors: Jacob Garrett

Several memberships come in. Farmers Insurance & Southwest Stone Supply.

Ribbon cutting at Junebug Photography in downtown Ashland. Specialize in pet photography.

Coming up there will be ribbon cutting September 3 at 10:30 am at Ashland Chiropractic. They are hosting a zero K Fun Run.

Chamber is wanting to do something for Pizza Haus as a thank you for their service.

Special Events: Tracy Banning

Drive Through All Staff Luncheon for teachers – central office unless it is too hot. A link for sign up will be sent around.

Website & Newsletter: Faryn Griffin

No update – getting luncheon in the newsletter and on facebook.

Budget & Finance: Claire Linzie

Still in the process of getting an audit.

City of Ashland Report: Kyle Michael

No update. Kyle not present. The nursing home has been bought. Izzy suggested going to planning and zoning meetings.

O'Rileys is open now!

Construction going on downtown.

SBEDC: Virginia Steiger

Virginia not present. Bill Lloyd, treasurer, gave update. SBEDC is sponsoring a Lunch and Learn September 19th 9:30 am – 1 pm. Mitch, from department of economic development is coming. He will be sharing information with their programs. A representative from the Department of Corrections will also be there.

Still in progress filling the board positions. There are some applicants they are looking through. Statewide entity looking to relocate outside of Columbia.

ABC: Izzy Smith

ABC is granted funded & the mission is to make Ashland an eat, shop and play community.

Working on planter boxes again.

4th of July parade was a great turn out, along with the Firework Show and lots of business support for the Ignite the Skies Fireworks. Started circulating ideas on how to make the event better. Keep making an effort to keep the event affordable. Looking at how to target the teenage kids on the day of the event. Profited \$1,500 total.

Still looking for volunteers.

Izzy suggested the idea to create a partnership with special events committee to not reinvent the wheel.

REDI: Lisa Driskell

Lisa not present.

Unfinished Business

No update.

New Business

No update.

Business prospects:

None

Other Announcements:

Izzy – Real Estate Industry changes – very big time to support the real estate businesses. Any of the local relators would be happy to discuss with anyone about any of the changes.

Ashland Library had Summer Reading with great turn out.

Ashland Optimist Celebrating 60 years on September 29th. Flyer to come soon.

Ranken had summer camps – if anyone knows of any kids that participated. They plan to continue the camps in the future. New classes will start August 26th. Feel free to share information with anyone that may be interested. If anyone wants to come check out the facility at Ranken, let Steve know.

April shared thank you note from Aly Johnson – she was very grateful for her senior scholarship.

Cattlemen's Day Rodeo is that weekend. 23rd & 24th. The parade is the morning of the 22nd. Jacob shared if the chamber would like to have a float, let him know.

On the 22nd, Lakenade is doing a back to school drive in the Scooters parking lot from 4 pm – 6pm

Adjourn

Motion was made by Jesse & Claire adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Next Board Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 12th, 2024 at 8:00 am at Central Office.