



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2021
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative
with lunch from Jimmy John's**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:55 am.

The invocation given by DeWayne Knott and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The November 2020 minutes were presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the minutes be approved, John Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The January 2021 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Shirley Kimsey moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Don Hanks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative

Becky Pendleton-Meek reflected on the importance of electrical safety with the nicer weather coming in and how important it is for others to report anything that may be out of place near electrical boxes. She also reflected on how things have changed for businesses throughout the past year as the last luncheon that they sponsored was right before everything shut down due to COVID. Becky then introduced Jennifer Grossl who talk to members about the 2021 Polar Vortex and how the weather plays a huge role in how much energy we use especially in the winter. She also talked about the difference in how much we use depending on how we heat our home. Jennifer mentioned how they have several ways to get energy such as coal, wind and hydro power. The floor was then opened for questions for Becky, Jennifer and their CEO Dave Deihl.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Carol Noecker

- New members are Humphrey's Bar & Grill, Pro-Print Digital, Spectrum Business and Warrior Hearing Center.
- There will be a ribbon cutting for Warrior Hearing on April 9, 2021 at 1 pm.
- Member Directories were printed by The Courier Tribune this year and were handed out at the meeting. They will also be available at the Chamber office. Carol thanked the Courier Tribune for helping this year as it was the first year that we offered advertising space for our members. She also thanked those businesses who advertised in the directories.
- Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for this year. We will be staggering out the start times and spaces for different age groups. Any donations are welcome from members whether those be cash or prizes for kids. Smithville Parks and Recreation is teaming up with us this year and they have brought a lot of help and great ideas with them. There will be golden tickets in some of the eggs which is where prizes for kids will come in for use on a prize table.

-The Community Awards Banquet will look a lot different this year as we are still not able to have the actual banquet. We are splitting it up in to two events. Our first event is a virtual raffle drawing called Raffle Dazzle 2021 and the second event will be a Chamber sponsored luncheon in May recognizing businesses that stood out/persevered during the COVID pandemic. Nominations can be done on the Chamber website.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner via video recording

-The Main Street Trail construction is almost complete and goes from Main via Heritage Park to Smith's Fork Park.

-City Hall is being renovated so their temporary entrance is through the rear entrance off West Meadow Street.

-Parks & Recreation is working on their master plan with Future IQ and Land Works. They do have a survey on the website that ends this week. They have had 600 households participate so far. There is also a discussion board up on there website. This plan will hopefully be ready by May.

-The planning commission talked about lot sizes, setbacks on those lots and the needs for housing in our community.

-The Street Scape Phase 2 will begin mid-March 2021 and hopefully done in early fall.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Todd Schuetz

-COVID is making Dr. Schuetz's hair go gray.

-Dr. Schuetz will be proposing a 5 day a week student return for secondary students on April 5th to the Smithville Board of Education and the meeting on Wednesday March 10th. There have been zero COVID cases this week.

-There will be an option for students who are not comfortable being full time to do all virtual learning. They are and will continue to follow the social distancing and mask recommendations for the remainder of this school year.

-Winter sports went well, and they are looking forward to the spring sports season that has started.

-He thanked the community for all their support.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Special Drawings

We had a cash drawing of \$14 that went to Brinkley Grado. Platte-Clay Electric also had a drawing of 2 gift cards for \$50 each to be used at Platte-Clay Fuel in Platte City or Kearney. Those winners were RaKel Hooser and Ronna Mack.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2021
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Cramer Capitol Management LLC
With food catered by Heart of America Catering**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:55 am.

The invocation given by Rich Foster and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The March 2021 minutes were presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the minutes be approved, Don Hanks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The February 2021 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Harley Morlock moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Holly Olsen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Cramer Capitol Management LLC

- Bruce Cramer started off by introducing Dawn Cramer, Anthony Cramer, Jake Kretsinger and Leah Cramer. He then told members about their history starting off in 1886 as Cramer Bros. Safe Company then in the 1940's began a chair business. They started Cramer Capital in 2007. Bruce shared a video with Mark Alford showing their offices in Briarcliff.
- Dawn talked about their love for Smithville and what they are planning for the future in moving their offices to Smithville. She also had a list of reliable local businesses on the tables that have and continue to help them with their new home here in Smithville.
- Jake talked about different retirement plans and what is different about them.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Carol Noecker

- Carol thanked Cramer Capital Management for their sponsorship and presentation.
- We have 2 new members Jason Walker with Farmers Insurance & United Fiber.
- We had 2 ribbon cuttings last week for the Main Street Trail & Warrior Hearing Center.

- The Easter Egg Hunt that was held the Saturday before Easter was a great success. Thank you to Brittany and Parks & Recreation for helping with the event this year. Thank you to the board members for helping stuff all of those eggs.
- The Raffle Dazzle 2021 was our first online raffle fundraiser, and we were able to raise just under \$2500.
- Carol introduced the Member Spotlight option that was also mentioned in the last newsletter giving members another option to promote themselves.
- The back office at the Chamber building now has multiple options for rental. If you are looking for half day, full day, or weekly rental we may be able to help.
- The Main Street District is recruiting individuals who would like to become a partner/volunteer for 4 committees. Those committees will be Design, Economic Vitality, Promotion and Organization. There will be an informational meeting at the Senior Center on Wednesday April 21st at 5:30 pm.
- We are still looking for nominations of businesses or individuals who thrived during COVID for the Community Awards next month. We will be recognizing them with a shout out at the luncheon next month.
- The EDC is looking for 2 people to sit on the committee.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner via video recording

- You can apply for different positions for the EDC and Parks and Recreation on the Smithville City website if you are interested.
- The Main Street Trail ribbon cutting had an amazing turn out.
- The Streetscape project is continuing with the second phase.
- The new Burger King up by the marketplace has broken ground.
- There have been 25 residential building permits already issued this year. In 2020 Smithville had 50 for the entire year, so it is looking good for growth.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Todd Schuetz

- Growth is always a good thing!
- The second week of school with the secondary students at 100% in person has begun and looking great.
- The Eagle Heights Elementary Construction is finishing up.
- Dr. Schuetz then thanked everyone for their support.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Special Drawings

Cramer Capital Management had a drawing giving the Cramer One-Up Step Stool to Penny Wright and a Cramer Kick Step Stool to Ronna Mack.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2021
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Smithville Chamber of Commerce
With food catered by Smithville American Legion Post 58**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:55 am.

The invocation given by Rich Foster and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The April 2021 minutes were presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the minutes be approved, John Losh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The March 2021 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Harley Morlock moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Shirley Kimsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Smithville Chamber of Commerce

Scott Pearson and Carol Noecker from the Smithville Chamber of Commerce recognized members & businesses of the community that made Smithville a better place to live during the pandemic of 2020. All of them were nominated by fellow community members. Awards were presented to the top 5 nominees along with the kind words being read from the nominations that were submitted. Those award recipients were Alicia Neth – Not Too Shabby Boutique, Chop's BBQ & Catering, Leeah Shipley – Cornerstone Coffee, Smithville School District & Stephanie Redd – Artistry in Motion Dance Company.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Carol Noecker

- Carol first thanked everyone for coming.
 - Captains Corner is our newest member.
 - The summer Chamber office hours will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.
- Carol can always be reached by email if you need her when she is not in the office.

- There is one ribbon cutting for Smithville Music on June 2nd at 11:30 with an Open House on June 6th from 2 pm – 5 pm.
- The Chamber is still in need of a sponsor for the month of July. If you are interested, please get a hold of Carol.
- The community calendar is filling up with great events. If you have an event that you would like added to it let Carol know.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- The Streetscape project is underway with the second phase and will continue until the fall.
- The Parks & Recreation Department has been busy and has seen increases in activity participation.
- City Hall is still under construction. While under construction the entrance to the building is in the back off East Meadow Street.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Todd Schuetz

- School has 12 days left and everyone is ready for summer!
- There are currently 3 positive COVID cases with 8 people in quarantine.
- The district continues to have several projects starting soon. First is the groundbreaking of the new activities center that happened on May 11th. Playgrounds will be getting new turf and one of the kitchen hoods will be replaced as it is no longer up to fire code.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Special Drawings

None

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2021
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Nodaway Valley Bank
With food catered by Kozak's Laketown Grill**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:47 am.

The invocation given by Paul Dexter and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The May 2021 minutes were presented for approval. John Miller moved that the minutes be approved, Harley Morlock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The April 2021 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Harley Morlock moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Paul Dexter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Nodaway Valley Bank

Holly Olsen, the Smithville Branch Manager of Nodaway Valley Bank, introduced the leadership team that was in attendance. They were Travis Boyer (Smithville), Kelley Parker (Platte City), Marvin Davis (Platte City), Leann Downing (Platte City), Susan Baker (both locations). She then shared a video sharing the history of the bank. Travis talked about a couple more locations that have been added since the video was created. He also talked about businesses needing more help and encouraged businesses to take care of your staff and your customers.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Carol Noecker via video

- Carol welcomed everyone and thanked Nodaway Valley Bank for sponsoring.
- Reminder everyone that the office will be closed on Fridays for the summer. If anyone has anything for the newsletter, please get that sent in on Thursdays by noon.
- The Chamber is looking for bids for the Chamber insurance policy.

- The BBQ Bash is coming up September 25th and more information will be coming out soon about that.
- Several Smithville events that are coming up and all of them can be found on the Chambers website under the events.
- Carol talked a little about the open Executive Director position.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- There were fliers on the tables for Park & Recreation programs, including programs for seniors.
- There is only one small project that the city is working on and that is the second phase of the Streetscape project. All other construction including the 92 Hwy and 169 Hwy sidewalk projects are being done by MODOT.
- City Hall renovation is near completion and hoping to have it completed by the end of June at the latest.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Todd Schuetz

- Summer has begun! The most common question he gets is “I bet that you enjoy your summers with some time off huh?”. The answer is no. The summer is really one of our busiest times, but he does not have to wear a tie.
- He was reflecting on his career in the education and how tough the “firsts” always were. Those “firsts” were nothing compared to this last year.
- Kids are not required to wear masks during summer school. Attendance for summer school is down this year and they are hearing parents saying that kids are tired. Masks are still required on busses due to federal regulations.
- The district has some projects in progress. Work for the new activities center has begun and playgrounds are getting new turf.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

We are now looking for applicants for the opening Executive Director Position.

Special Drawings

There were 10 floral center pieces that were given to Dr. Christina Dunn Carpenter, Aaron Nijse, Bruce Cramer, Dawn Cramer, Bridget Anaya, Don Hanks, David Cooper, Shirley Kimsey, Jenni Barton & Debbie Childress.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2021
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Smithville American Legion Post 58**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:55 am.

The invocation given by Leo Slenker and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The June 2021 minutes were presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the minutes be approved, John Losh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The May 2021 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Paul Dexter moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Harley Morlock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Smithville American Legion Post 58

- Hope from the American Legion introduced Gareth Lintt. She then asked "Why did the police officer arrest the blanket? Because he looked guilty!" to introduce the Patriotic Stitchers.
- Christine Knott spoke a little about her time in the service, how the Smithville Patriotic Stitchers began, why and what it is that they do. They make quilts for veterans who have requested a quilt. If you know someone that you would like to nominate you can get a hold of them to fill out a request. These quilts are then presented to those veterans. They run completely on donations and volunteers.
- Joanne Bertlesen, aka Mrs. Claus, talked to the membership about the steps of making the quilts for the Patriotic Stitchers.
- Ellis Bertlesen, aka Mr. Claus, talked about the MANY organizations and things that the Sons of The American Legion Post 58 have and will continue to do. They partner up with a lot of the Smithville School organizations on fundraisers and you can find those events on their Facebook page @sonspost58.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Carol Noecker via video

- Carol welcomed everyone and thanked Hope and the Smithville American Legion Post 58 for sponsoring this month's luncheon.
- The Executive Director position is still available.
- We have two Ribbon Cuttings coming up. First is Nodaway Valley Bank on July 20th at 10 am and the second one being the dedication of the Kiwanis Shelter at Helvey Park on July 21st at 10 am.
- July is Parks & Recreation month and Smithville has a lot of activities going on. All of those activities can be found on their website <https://www.smithvilleparksrec.com/>
- There are several Smithville events that are coming up and all of them can be found on the Chambers website under the events.
- The BBQ Bash is happening on September 25th. We have 15 teams already signed up and could sign up 15 more teams. We are also still looking for sponsors and volunteers for this event. All the information for competitors, sponsors and events going on that day can be found on the Chamber website. There is a grill donated from Porter's Ace Hardware raffled off at this event.

City of Smithville Report –

No one was present to report.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Todd Schuetz

- The district is keeping up on recommendations for COVID to help plan for the upcoming school year that begins on August 24th.
- Things are moving along on the activities center at the high school.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Special Drawings

None

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51 pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2021
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Saint Luke's North Hospital – Smithville
Catered by Kozak's Laketown Grill**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:48 am.

The invocation given by Dan Hartman and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The July 2021 minutes were presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the minutes be approved, Travis Boyer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The June 2021 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Berry Parks moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Cheryl Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Saint Luke's North Hospital - Smithville

- Deb Wriedt spoke about suicide prevention and provided statistic information on the tables. She then introduced her team from Saint Luke's. Lindsey talked about the walk-in clinics and locations. Deb then talked about the Smithville location and all of its services. Stephanie talked about their NEW Survivors of Suicide Attempts (SOSA) groups that they are starting. Monty talked about their Outpatient Behavioral Programs & Outpatient Services for children and adults. They have in-person and virtual counseling sessions. He then talked about the Behavioral Health Locations. Deb announced that the event that they had coming up called The Kevin Hines Story had been canceled.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Interim Erika Winston

- Erika mentioned several events going on downtown in August and September.
- She also mentioned that the Chamber is still looking for more competitors and sponsors for the Backyard BBQ Bash on September 25th. The Chamber has a raffle going for two prizes. One

prize is a Traeger grill donated by Porter's Ace Hardware paired with a \$50 gift card donated by Paradise Locker Meats and the other prize is a Webber grill donated by Packs Hardware and Rentals. Tickets can be bought through the Chamber office or board members.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- The east end of Main Street project is getting near completion.
- The city is beginning a planning phase that will include a new police station and water station expansion.
- City Hall reopened about a month ago from it's construction updates. She welcomes everyone to come in and check it out.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Todd Schuetz

- Todd announced a meeting regarding the mask recommendations/considerations for August 12th at 6 pm being held at the PAC.
- Hybrid schedule is not on the table this year as they are looking to get as many students headed back to normal school time.
- Playgrounds are almost complete, but they still have a lot of construction going on in the district. The kitchen hood at the high school has been replaced.
- Fall sports have started and the first day of school is August 24th.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

When our new Executive Director Tara gets back, she will be coming in to visit the membership where they are.

Special Drawings

None

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2021
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Citizens Bank & Trust
Catered by Grandma's Catering**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:51 am.

The invocation given by Dan Hartman and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The August 2021 minutes were presented for approval. Josh Hurlbert moved that the minutes be approved, Steve Langley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The July 2021 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Cheryl Taylor moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Don Hanks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Citizens Bank & Trust

- Anita Bearce shared information about the Warrior debit card. The Warrior debit card is a card through Citizens Bank & Trust of Smithville in which the bank donates \$0.05 of every point-of-sale purchase made with your Warrior debit card to the Smithville School District quarterly. They have donated over \$88,000 since 2010 when the program began. She then presented Dr. Scheutz with a check for \$3,388.30 for the district for 2021.
- Anita then introduced the new business & FBLA teacher at the Smithville High School Destiny Marsh. Destiny told the membership a little about herself and what they are currently working on in the business classes. She then introduced Julian From (Freshman), Emily Knight (Senior) and Alexander Duckwitz (Junior) which were the students that were able to join her at that luncheon.
- They will be hosting the Green Tie Affair on December 9, 2021. Look for more details soon.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Interim Erika Winston

- Tara told a little about herself and a few things that she is working on for the membership. She has started with Membership Benefits Mondays, Thank You Thursdays and Facebook Fridays on Facebook with live videos.
- Our new members since the last luncheon are Smithville Med Spa, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Kansas City North/Gladstone, Seth Corless with the Leavitt Group, Redgate Disposal, Linda Parrish with Valpak, BesaMe Wellness Smithville, John Smith with Allstate and PWSD 8 of Platte County.
- We still need a few judges for the Backyard BBQ Bash.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- The east end of Main Street project will be done by mid-October. Cynthia shares your pain with the issues of East Main Street. They are working with the contractor to get these issues fixed as soon as possible.
- Heartland Dental and Jimmy Johns are getting ready to get started on moving into the Smithville Marketplace. Burger King and Domino's are slightly behind, but still working on getting finished.
- Saturday September 11th is the Hazardous Waste drop off starting at 8 am until full at the Smithville High School. If you would like to help you can contact City Hall.
- The Smithville Haunted Campground will be held on October 23, 2021. If you would like to be involved with this event you can contact Brittney Probst at Smithville Parks and Recreation Department.
- There will be a public hearing for an increase for water and waste in October.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Todd Schuetz

- Todd announced a meeting regarding the mask recommendations/considerations for August 12th at 6 pm being held at the PAC.
- Fall sports are off to a great start. Our football team is the best!
- Campus construction continues.
- Masks are required indoors in the district and this requirement will be reviewed every month at the monthly school board meetings. Their next board meeting will be on September 15th and they will be hearing from parents in the district.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Special Drawings

None

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2021
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Central Bank of the Midwest
Catered by Smithville American Legion Post 58**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:53 am.

The invocation given by Dan Hartman and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The September 2021 minutes were presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the minutes be approved, Travis Boyer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The August 2021 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Kenny Tromp moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Harley Morlock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Central Bank of the Midwest

- Debbie Cabra introduced Jason Hoyt, Dena Kelly and Sara Young.
- Jason told the membership about Central Bank's opening in 1902 in Jefferson City, Mo and more about their history.
- Dena shared with the membership about new developments with partnerships in the Kansas City area.
- Sara told the membership about services that will help businesses with all of their banking needs.
- Jason closed with sharing about business credit cards and lending options.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Tara Young

- Tara let the membership know how well the BBQ Bash went and thanked all of our sponsors and volunteers that helped to make it such a successful event.

- We had two ribbon cuttings last month for BesaMe Wellness and Full Features Nursery-Garden and Landscaping Center.
- There were 21 new resident visits last month. If membership would like to know more about our Welcome Program, please get in touch with Kelly Busch.
- The Chamber will be participating in the Smithville Haunted Campground this year. If members would like to donate candy or promotional items, please let Tara know.
- Thank you to Hope and her amazing team at the American Legion Post 58.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Main Street is being resurfaced and will be done by the end of the week weather permitting.
- Smithville Marketplace is moving along. Domino's and Burger King had some delays but are planning to open very soon.
- Next week the city is planning on having a meeting about the budget and getting that approved.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Todd Schuetz

- Construction continues on the new activities center and they will be sending out something soon asking for ideas for the name of the building. He asked for serious suggestions only please.
- Masking continues but is reviewed every month at the school board meetings.
- Fall sports and activities are going great. Our soccer and football teams are undefeated. Our softball and volleyball teams are first in competitions. Cross country has a meet this weekend. The fall play starts on October 21st.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Special Drawings

Central Bank had three drawings. One for a signed soccer ball from Sporting KC that went to Leo Slenker. There were two Sporting KC scarfs that went to Jason Walker and Shari Rogers.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Security Bank of Kansas City**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 12:00 pm.

The invocation given by Dan Hartman.

Meeting Minutes

The October 2021 minutes were presented for approval. John Miller moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Todd Schuetz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The September 2021 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Kenny Tromp moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Don Hanks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

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Program: Sponsored by Security Bank of Kansas City

Presentation of colors, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, and Military Anthems led by Leo Slinker. All members of the United States Military Branches stated their names, years of service and any stories from their service.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Tara Young

- Tara thanked Picture Perfect and Costco for being our sponsors for the Haunted Campground. We had about 1,000 kids come through that night.
- Our new members for the month are Britt Bowman with Platinum Real Estate and Eve Collins-Zimmerman with CBD Greenleaf, LLC.
- Nominations for our 2022 Board are now taking place. If you know of anyone who would be a good fit, or you are interested in running please see Kenny Tromp.
- If you would like to advertise in the 2022 Directory, please let me know by December 15, 2021.
- Our current sponsors for Candyland Christmas are Show-Me Real Estate, David Cooper, Kelley Stumph, Victory Chevrolet, United Fiber, Nodaway Bank and Price Chopper.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Cynthia thanked Security Bank and Veterans

- Streetscape is continuing from Main Street to Bridge Street to East Main Street. The Liberty Street and Main Street intersection will be a 4 way stop.
- The board approved new senior citizen rates for trash collection. They can register at City Hall.
- 3 years ago, a Direction Finder satisfaction survey was done. This survey measures our performance and compares it to other communities around the nation. Another survey will be in the mail in early December to help disperse tax dollars.
- The city is recruiting for Police, Public Works and Parks Departments. You can get more information on the city website.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Todd Schuetz

- Dr. Schuetz mentioned that the program for our veterans was great.
- He showed appreciation for Mac Porter.
- Construction for the new activities center is on time and on budget.
- COVID continues to be an interruption. The school board voted to enact a gating criteria for the school district. Since passing cases have gone up.
- Smithville High School Football is currently 10 – 0.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Kenny Tromp announced that Diane Thompson the current Treasurer will be stepping down for 2022 after serving for 7 years. The duties for this position include 2 hours each month for the luncheons and board meetings. Payroll for one employee, monthly reconciliation, preparing financials, fundraisers/activities to volunteer. Benefits are a free Chamber membership.
- Contact the Nomination Committee for more information.

Special Drawings

Jenny Barton, Ryan Stein, Kenny Tromp, Leo Slinker, Kyle Harsha, Debbie Cabra, Tom Norris, Jessie Nichols, Starla Janes, Jason Hoyt, Sara Young and Jamie Dodrill

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2021
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Cramer Capitol Management and catered by Tasty Thai**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:52 am.

The invocation given by a guest of Cramer Capitol Management. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a special presentation for a Certificate of Appreciation to DeWayne Knott and a Certificate of Recognition to Jason Ambrosen.

Meeting Minutes

The November 2021 minutes were presented for approval. John Miller moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Todd Schuetz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The October 2021 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Diane Thompson. Barry Parks moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Travis Boyer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Cramer Capitol

- Bruce Cramer mentioned that their new office at 100 N. Mill Street in Smithville is still under construction.
- Bruce introduced his team Dawn Cramer, Jake Kretsinger, Anthony Cramer, Leah Cramer.
- Their family started in the safe making business in the 1880's in Kansas City. If anyone has a Cramer Safe let Bruce know as he is looking to add to his collection. They then began Cramer Chairs in 1940 and invented the Kik Step in 1954. Cramer Capitol was then started in 1967.
- Dawn shared that they are working with Mid-America Contractors on their office on Mill Street and they hope to finish it in 4 – 5 months.
- Dawn is also the new Kansas City Police Department Police Commissioner and she shared some information about the KCPD.
- Pat Coppinger with Valor Ranch mentioned that Valor Ranch was started 3 years ago. They help veterans looking for permanent housing. They will be doing a 5K Run at the WWI & Liberty Memorial, a fundraising poker tournament in January. Their goal for fundraising is \$95,000 by the end of 2021.
- Jake gave an update on the stock market.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Tara Young

- Tara thanked Cramer Capitol, Tasty Thai, Hope Hollowell and the American Legion Post 58.
- Candyland Christmas began on Saturday December 4th and our last one is on Friday December 10th with the Candy Cane Quest from Smithville Parks and Recreation. Thank you to all of our Candyland Christmas sponsors!
- Our new members are Smithville Bike Co-op, Farmers Insurance - Dave Edwards and Money Matters.
- The Chamber Directory ad deadline is on December 15th.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- The Direction Finder Survey is coming through the mail to residents of Smithville. Cynthia asks that you please fill this survey out as it helps with the budget.
- Last week the city had an Alderman had a work session meeting. Unexpected government revenue came in and growth revenue has gone up.
- There are fewer projects being done in the winter months. The streetscape and trail projects are complete.
- They will be completing transportation plans soon.
- New plans are being worked on for the Smithville Police Station.
- The water and wastewater master plan had been worked on in 2018. The treatment plant needs work.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Todd Schuetz

- Dr. Schuetz said “Let’s NOT talk about COVID today!”
- Dr. Schuetz introduced Jason Ambrosen who has been with the Smithville School district for 7 years and is a tremendous asset. He is a great coach that is good for the kids.
- Jason said that he is a believer in the concept of team. He was a med student and was miserable. He wanted to help but needed more. He coached college football, but he wanted to be with his family more and not travel so much so he started coaching high school football.
- Jason then spoke on his beliefs, the students and community.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Election results were announced. President – Scott Pearson, Vice President – Rebecca Pendleton-Meek, Treasurer – Karen Lane, Secretary – Erika Winston and Members at Large – Alex Porter, Jamie Dodrill and DeWayne Knott

Special Drawings

A Kid Step was given to Pat Coppinger

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by Chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm.