



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 11th, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Smithville American Legion Post 58**

Meeting called to order by Scott Pearson at 11:58am.

The invocation given by Pastor Rob Ernest was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- The Board of Directors were sworn in by Erika.
- Scott Pearson passed on Presidential duties to Rebecca Pendleton-Meek.
- Scott Pearson was given a gift by the Board in recognition for all his years served to the Chamber Board.
- The board members that served with Scott in the last year sent Scott off with remembrances and thanks for all he has done.

Meeting Minutes

The December 2022 minutes were presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Phil Zehms seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The December 2022 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Leo Slenker 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: Smithville American Legion 58

- Hope Hallowell introduced Bill Gagnon who is the Director of the Riders Group for the American Legion. He spoke about the riders and how it is formed. He spoke about the importance of the riders and what they do to help different Veterans in different communities. He spoke about the importance of the Legacy Ride and what it helps to support.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- New Members this month are Garland Chapter #287 Order of the Eastern Star, Not Too Shabby Boutique, Wild Bloom Art Company, Backwoods Venue 222, Dream Homes by Jen, Metropolitan Community College Maple Woods, Ellen Crow, Isotech, Inc./KCCoyote, Inc.
- Erika announced our next event is the Crawfish Boil on February 21st and tickets are \$20.00.
- Smithville Community Awards Banquet will be held February 23rd and ticket can be bought until February 1st.

- Erika announced that we will be taking nominations for people in the community until January 23rd. She announced all the categories that you can nominate people for and how they can be nominated.
- Erika announced there is still time for sponsorship, but that will be coming to a close soon.
- The banquet will be held at White Iron Ridge.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- She spoke about some new city projects coming up.
- She stated that the waterline replacement is almost finished.
- The Public Water Department is looking at new projects for the next 2-3 years and working with the cities engineers that developing plans for these projects. They will be working on getting bids ready for these projects.
- Cynthia introduced Alex Threlkeld our new Parks and Recreation Manager and Aspen Ryan who is the new Recreational Programmer for Smithville. They have been working on putting together several new programs and recreational opportunities throughout the community.
- Cynthia announced some new events coming up they are working on. The Easter Egg Hunt with the Chamber, a new Dodge Ball Corporate Challenge, and a Mother Daughter Tea.
- Cynthia did announce the upcoming Alderman Board meeting and that they will be discussing what will be on the April Ballot for vote.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Robert Hedgecorth

- Robert spoke about what is going to be on the April ballot for the Smithville School District.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

There was no drawing.

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 12:58pm



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
February 8th, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by City of Smithville**

Meeting called to order by Becky Pendleton-Meek at 11:58am.
The invocation given by David Cooper was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The January 2023 minutes were presented for approval. Cheryl Taylor moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Harley Morlock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The January 2023 treasurer's report was presented for approval by Treasurer Karen Lane. Paul Dexter moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Scott Pearson 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: City of Smithville

- Cynthia Wagner introduced Destiny Marsh and Dr. Simon from the Smithville School District Business Department. Destiny Marsh introduced select students who are helping to succeed in the real-world experience of business. They introduced themselves and spoke about what they are doing to help in the success for this program. They spoke about the start of the Tribe Store, projects, and events they will be doing. The students spoke about the Grind Coffee Shop, FBLA, Computer programming, Graphic Design, and Supervised Business Employment.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- New Members this month are Plattsburg License Office, Steve Tinnen, and Benefit Solutions.
- The Crawfish Boil will be held on February 21st at 5:00pm.
- The Awards Banquet will be on February 23rd at 5:30pm.
- Erika spoke about the new Rise and Shine Coffee. This will be held at the Chamber office on March 1st at 7:30-9:00am. Erika thanked Citizens Bank and Trust as well as Mayor Boley for sponsoring this event.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 8th. We have increased the number of eggs to 8,000. Smithville Family Worship Center will be helping to fill the eggs. Erika asked our members for candy donations as well as kid friendly items with business logos to put inside the eggs.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Spoke about the upcoming Awards Banquet and partnership.
- She spoke about the upcoming Parks and Recs programs.
- Touched base about the taxes on the upcoming ballot concerning the recreational marijuana sales.
- She spoke about working with Clay County on information gathering using Replica and what that helps us to understand with economic development.
- FLUSHABLE WIPES ARE NOT FLUSHABLE!!!!

Smithville Public Schools Report – Andrea Ambrosion

- Andrea spoke about the Action Teams being put together for Strategic Planning.
- She spoke about receiving the school district MAPS scores and how well they did.
- She spoke about the high school play and the great job that was done by all students involved.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

There was no drawing.

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 12:56pm



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
March 8th, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative**

Meeting called to order by Becky Pendleton-Meek at 11:58am.
The invocation given by Darrell Jones was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Rebecca Pendleton-Meek

- Becky spoke about no longer conducting the luncheons as a business meeting.
- She spoke about the upcoming elections and political campaigning at the luncheon.
- Becky spoke about community events and how they are shared.
- She spoke about the events we did in February.
- Becky spoke about the upcoming Lakefest and how they are looking for volunteers.

Member Introductions

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

Program: Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative

Jim Cox introduced himself and who Platte Clay Electric is. He did a safety demonstration on the dangers of electricity, bringing awareness of how it can cause harm to you and your family.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- Erika spoke about the new directory and the new website.
- She spoke about the Fat Tuesday event. It will be held next year on February 13th.
- The Awards Banquet was a huge success. We had almost 300 people show up and raised some great money for the Legacy Fund. The next one will be held February 29th, 2024, and tables are already being reserved. See Erika if you would like to reserve yours.
- Erika spoke about the Easter Egg Hunt coming up and what we have done for it.
- The Rise & Shine Coffee was a great success and the next one will be April 5th.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Cynthia thanked the board, and everyone involved for putting on such a wonderful Awards Banquet.
- She spoke about the upcoming city improvements, projects, and construction.
- Cynthia informed everyone about the new drone the Smithville Police Department has and how you can find out more information on the use of this drone.
- The E Waste & Shredding event will be held at Smithville High School on April 18th from 9:00am-12:00pm.
- Bulky Trash pick up will be May 1st this will follow the City-Wide Garage Sale.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Denise Harwood

- Spoke about Winter Sports wrapping up and the starting of Spring Sports.
- The Smithville Dazzlers made it to Nationals and took 15th overall.
- She spoke about Smithville testing and that we are ranked 3rd in the KC Metro.
- Denise spoke about 3 seats opening on the Smithville School District Board.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

There was a drawing for a Platte-Clay Electric mug and gift card. Kelly Boley was drawn.

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 1:06pm



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Cramer Capitol Management**

Meeting called to order by Becky Pendleton-Meek at 11:58am.
The invocation given by Paul Dexter was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Introductions

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

Program: Cramer Capitol Management

Spoke about new office downtown Smithville and what is going on in the financing world.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- Easter Egg Hunt was a great success.
- Rise and Shine Coffee will be sponsored by Cramer Capitol and held on May 3rd.
- We had about 1200 people visit the new website. Erika wanted to remind the businesses that we advertise there for them as well as the job board.
- The Welcome Program that Kelly Busch runs will also help to advertise your business.
- The Chamber Board is looking at opening a CD and wanted to know if any of our area banks would like the opportunity for the business. If so, reach out to Erika and let her know.
- Member of the month is coming back, and Cramer Capitol will be the business in May.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- The city election happened, and three new aldermen will be sworn in for a 4-year term. Congratulations to Dan Hartman, Melissa Wilson, and Leeah Shipley!
- Voters did approve a tax on recreational marijuana providing additional funds for the city.
- The Street Scape projects will begin soon.
- There is a multi-use commercial development to begin at 169 and Commercial.
- McBee's Car Wash has begun.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Mindy Hedgecorth

- Two new board members and one incumbent will be sworn in at the Smithville School Board meeting. Congratulations!
- April 4th the No Tax Increase Bond passed.
- Watch for new projects coming up in the district.
- April 18th the Mobile Mammogram will be here.
- May 6th Smithville Prom will be held at the College Basketball Experience downtown KC.
- May 20th will be graduation and it will be held at the Smithville Athletic Field.
- May 26th will be the last day of school.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

There was a drawing for a Kick Step from Cramer Capitol. Mayor Boley was the winner of this.

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 12:52pm



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
May 10th, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by St. Luke's North Smithville**

Meeting called to order by Becky Pendleton-Meek at 11:58am.
The invocation given by Scott Pearson was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Introductions

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

Program: St Luke's North in Smithville

Deb and Stephanie spoke about St. Luke's and what is new with the Smithville location. They spoke about what they are looking to bring to help in behavioral health as well as suicide prevention.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- The new members are Megan's Paws and Claws, Burley's Deli, and Attic Storage.
- On May 18th Burley's Deli will be having their Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting.
- Southern Bank will be having their Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting on June 8th at 5:30.
- The Chamber is looking to deposit money into a Money Market Account. If you are interested in helping with this, please let Erika know by May 16th.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Cynthia thanked Erika for helping with the City Calendar.
- Spring construction is underway in Smithville.
- The city website will be providing weekly updates on all construction through their website.
- Spring sports are underway with Parks and Recs.
- The city would like to recognize the public service workers as it is Public Service Week.
- The city is continuing to work on the budget process.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Denise Harwood

The district has finalized the 5-year Strategic Plan.
It is National Teacher Appreciation week. Be sure to thank our teachers for all their hard work.
State Assessments are underway.
This is the Seniors last Friday. Graduation will be on May 16th.
The last day of school is May 26th.
July 1st Dr. Mark Maus will be taking over as Superintendent.

Regan LaPorte – Chamber Intern

Thanked the Chamber for being able to have the opportunity to do her Real-World Internship with them. She said she learned a lot and met some great people along the way.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

No drawings.

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 12:52pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
June 14th, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Turner Construction**

Meeting called to order by Becky Pendleton-Meek at 12:01pm.
The invocation given by Dan Hartman was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Introductions

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

Program - Kids ROCK

Kelley Stumph spoke about Kids ROCK what they stand for and what they do in the community to help with our kids in Smithville. Lisa Manz with the school district spoke about the partnership the school district has with the community and the area schools in Smithville.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- The new members are Carter Media KMZU 100.7 FM, Kayse Nichols Real Estate, and individual Matthew Hanson.
- Erika thanked everyone who made it out to the Burley's Deli and Southern Bank Ribbon cutting.
- More Ribbon cuttings to come soon.
- The Rise and Shine morning coffees are going great. Erika thanked Platte-Clay Electric for sponsoring June's.
- There will not be a July Rise and Shine due to July 4th being the day before.
- Security Bank will be sponsoring the August Rise and Shine.
- If you are interested in sponsoring a Rise and Shine let Erika know.
- There are two after hours coming up. July 18th will be a multi-Chamber event that will be held at Conrad's Restaurant from 4-6pm. You will need to register for this one if you plan on attending. On July 20th Money Matters and Tax will be hosting an after-hours from 4-7pm. This after hours will be supporting Wings 4 Water.
- We are already gearing up for the BBQ Bash. This will be held on September 23rd in conjunction with Smithville Main Street District's Junkville.
- We have opened the calendar for 2024 luncheon sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor a luncheon, please let Erika know.
- Erika announced that she is wanting to get out and visit with as many of our members this summer and grab a photo for social media. Please respond to the survey link that has been sent out.
- Please make sure to register for the luncheons as this does help our sponsors with a lunch count that is provided by them.

- The member of the month last month was Taylor Plumbing. July member of the month will be Platte-Clay Electric.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- City projects are affecting traffic in some areas. You can always find updates on the City's website.
- Utility work is affecting getting around on Fourth Street. There are major improvements, but this is having an impact on residents and traffic.
- There is more utility work coming up and will be announced.
- The Old Spelman Hospital Tiff discussions are still going on.
- The city's budget is still under discussion and review.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Denise Harwood

- Summer school is well underway.
- Bond projects have started in the district.
- Denise thanked everyone for their support during her internship.
- July 1st Dr. Mark Maus will be taking over as Superintendent.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

No drawings.

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 1:00pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
July 12th 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Mayor Boley**

Meeting called to order by Becky Pendleton-Meek at 12:00pm.
The invocation given by Darrell Jones was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Introductions

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

Program- City of Smithville

Matt Denton spoke about Smithville Parks and Recreation. He spoke about the month of July and what special activities they have planned. He also spoke about what programs they have to offer. Michelle Blumer helped to get everyone's heart rate up by having everyone share in an exercise routine.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- The new members are Eliza Rae Candle & Trade Co. and Rockin' C Cowhide.
- July 12th at 5:00pm Nellie's Sweet Shoppe will be having their Grand opening right after, with live music, store exclusives, fudge samples, candy toppings, door prizes and more!
- The Farmers Market will be open during this event as well.
- August 2nd will be the next Rise and Shine coffee. This is sponsored by Security Bank and will be held from 7am-9am.
- We have two After Hours scheduled for this month. July 18th will be a Multi-Chamber Event This will be held in Liberty at Conrads Restaurant & Alehouse. This will be held from 4pm-6pm. There will be door prizes and you need to register for this to be able to attend.
- Our second After Hours will be July 20th and will be hosted by Money Matters Tax & Financial Services. The event will support Wings 4 Water. There will be food, drinks, and music from the Little Platte River band. This event will be held from 4pm-7pm.
- We have sponsorship information on the welcome table in case you have not received yours yet. The BBQ Bash will be held on September 23rd this year in conjunction with Smithville Main Street Districts Junkville. We have ten teams registered already.
- We have opened 2024 luncheon sponsorships.
- Clay -Platte Electric Cooperative was our July Member of the Month.
- August Member of the Month will be the Clay County Childrens Fund.
- Remember that your business gets listed on the wheel when you register for the luncheons.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- City projects are affecting traffic in some areas. You can always find updates on the City's website.
- Utility work is affecting getting around on fourth street. There are major improvements, but this is having an impact on residents and traffic.
- The Old Spellman Hospital Tiff discussions are still going on.
- The city's budget is still under discussion and review for 2024 Budget. Budget will go into effect in November.

Smithville Public Schools Report –Mark Maus

- Introduced himself as the new Superintendent.
- Spoke about the Football team golf tournament.
- Summer school has been wrapped up.
- Update on summer bond projects have started in the district.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

No drawings.

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 12:40pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
August 9th, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Community in Action**

Meeting called to order by Becky Pendleton-Meek at 12:01pm.
The invocation given by David Cooper was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Introductions

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

Program - Smithville Community in Action

Community in Action presented what they do to help the Smithville community to keep our kids safe. They spoke about the new dangers to our children and what they are doing to help combat this within the community and what our area businesses can do to help keep our kids safe.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- New members are Raising Rust Event Center, Bridge Street Hair Studio, Integrated Financial Solutions of Kansas City, Just Like Home Vacation Rentals, Light it Up LLC, and T-Mobile.
- August 24th ribbon cutting at 4:00pm with Attic Storage.
- August 31st ribbon cutting at 6:00pm with Raising Rust.
- September 6th will be the next Rise and Shine sponsored by 169 Café and will be located at 169 Café.
- The next event is September 23rd and is the BBQ Bash. We have 20 teams signed up so far. Eight available spots left. Porter's Ace donated a grill to raffle off that day.
- 2024 luncheon has a few spots left open.
- The membership of the month will be Childrens Service Fund of Clay County.
- Reminder to register for the luncheon and be present to get on the wheel and win a chance at being the member of the month.
- September will be Beshears Tree and Lawn.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Started on fall programing for youth Parks and Recs Sports and continually trying to expand for you and adult activities.
- Registration opened last week for the Haunted Campground and the sites sold out in 7 mins. They auctioned off 4 additional sites as well.
- The Board of Alderman will have a special meeting for additional sales tax to go on the November ballot. This will go to help the city with additional services.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Mark Maus

- Finishing up summer projects. Transportation projects will continue and are expected to be open a year from now.
- The middle school turf field is expected to start. This will help with the Marching Band, P.E., and shared with Horizon Elementary as well.
- New teachers and staff are starting training and school starts in about a week.
- Scott Moore the new High School Principle spoke about his excitement to start his new position and gave some background about himself.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

No drawings.

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 1:03pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Southern Bank**

Meeting called to order by Erika Winston at 12:01pm.

The invocation given by Pastor Rob Ernest was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Introductions

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

Program – Carol Noecker, Real World Learning Facilitator

Jeanne Saylor and Corey Dudley from Southern Bank thanked everyone and shared a little about Southern Bank before they introduced Carol Noecker from the Smithville School District. Carol had Dr. Mark Maus share a little about the start of the Real World Learning program and what their mission is. Carol shared a video from the Kauffman Foundation to introduce membership to Real World Learning. She spoke about the Career Fair that is coming up and how our members could be involved. She spoke about the many things that they have been doing to help the students prepare for the workforce and college. About 50% of Smithville students graduate with college credits already earned. She spoke about internships, client connected projects, and business members coming in to speak about their profession. She mentioned that the Green Tie Affair would be in March instead of December like in the past. Carol will be reaching out to members to help with mock interviews for students. She thanked our members for always being so willing to help anytime that she has asked for help.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- New members are The Ferrell Agency – Farmers Insurance and Nothing Bundt Cakes Northland.
- On August 21st from 5pm to 7pm at Courtyard Park there is an After Hours sponsored by Smithville Parks & Rec and Dream Properties Real Estate. This will also be the kickoff for our annual Smithville Community Awards Banquet on February 29th, 2024, at White Iron Ridge.
- October 4th will be the next Rise and Shine. There is no sponsor currently, so keep an eye out for updates.
- T-Mobile is having a Ribbon Cutting on Saturday October 7th at 11:30 am.
- Erika spoke about the upcoming BBQ Bash, Junkville, Whiskey Trail and ways that we could use some volunteers.
- We have a few months left for 2024 luncheon sponsorships.
- She announced that the Chamber now has a TV for members to use in the conference room for presentations in small meetings.
- The Member of the Month is Beshears Tree and Lawn. She congratulated them on their 40-year anniversary.
- Reminder to register for the luncheon and be present to get on the wheel and win a chance at being the member of the month.
- October Member of the Month will be Wild Bloom Art Company.

City of Smithville Report – Gina Pate

- Gina spoke about the upcoming projects around town that include storm water improvements and phase 3 of the streetscape project.
- She mentioned that the Board of Alderman approved the Public Safety ballot language for the upcoming election on November 7th. The funds from this sales tax increase would go towards 2 new police officers, an animal control program, and equipment replacement needs.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Mark Maus

- Dr. Maus thanked Carol for sharing information about the Real World Learning program.
- He mentioned that if you want to get involved getting connected with Carol is a great way to get started.
- He then thanked members for saying yes so many times and mentioned that they can tell Carol no, but she is very persistent.
- He gave an update on the school districts bond projects. The transportation facility is the project that we will continue to see most of being worked on. The HVAC units have been replaced and the sidewalks have been completed and both were under budget.
- Fall activities are in full swing.
- October 6th is the Homecoming Parade, and they will have an early release day.
- He thanked the Smithville CIA for the 5th Quarter events and everyone who volunteers and is involved in those events.
- They had their first Green Gala and raised a tremendous amount of money. That money goes directly back to teachers and scholarships.

Old Business:

There is none currently.

New Business:

There is none currently.

Special Drawings:

No drawings.

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 12:49pm.



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Cramer Capital Management**

Meeting called to order by Rebecca Pendleton-Meek at 12:00 pm.
The invocation given by Scott Pearson was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Introductions

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

Program – Cramer Capital Management

Bruce Cramer shared a little about him and how he started out. He then introduced the Cramer team, including Dawn, Leah, Anthony, and Nick Cramer along with Rocco who is their intern. Anthony spoke about his work history and how he started out with Cramer Capital. He then spoke on the history of the Cramer family. Rocco spoke about his internship and what he likes most about it. He then spoke on the many planning services that Cramer Capital offers and how they personalize those plans to their clients. Bruce then had Dawn share some about their new office located at the corner of Mill and Main and how much they have loved being involved with the Smithville community. They were honored to be able to ring the closing bell and mentioned how much they enjoyed being able to do that. She then spoke about the police officers and how important it is to be aware of your surroundings. Bruce let everyone know that they have a weekly newsletter and that they could sign up to receive it by calling the office. He mentioned that they have 3 events every year and said that members could attend if they would like.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- New members include Absolute Pest Control – Heather/Mark Peterson, Agent Jo & Associates, and IV & Wellness MedSpa.
- Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings are for Ferrell Agency – Tasha Ferrell Farmers on October 13th at 5 pm. A second one will be for IV & Wellness MedSpa on October 20th at 5 pm while they are celebrating their Grand Opening from 4 pm – 7 pm.
- Our November Rise & Shine will be sponsored by Dream Properties Real Estate on November 1st from 7:30 am to 9 am at 169 Café. We would love to see you there. If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please let her know.
- Everyone had a great time at the BBQ Bash despite the rain. She then thanked everyone who sponsored and volunteered for this event.
- The Haunted Campground is on October 21st and the Chamber will be there. She thanked Smithville Hay for their donation to purchase candy for this event.
- She spoke about the plans for CandyLand Christmas and invited our businesses to be involved.
- Erika spoke about the October Member of the Month Wild Bloom Art Company and that she was having a drawing for a wreath that she created.
- November member of the month is Connections Bank.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Cynthia gave an update on the 188th and 169 Hwy project from MO Dot. She has no update on 92.
- At the next Alderman meeting they will have the second reading for the ordinance adopting the 2024 City of Smithville budget.
- On the November 7th ballot there will be a question for a half cent Public Safety Sales Tax for the City of Smithville. This will generate about \$450,000 annually. This sales tax would fund 2 additional police officers, a full-time animal control position, and ongoing equipment and vehicle needs for the police department.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Mark Maus

- Dr. Maus mentioned how much Homecoming has grown since he graduated in '96.
- He gave an update on the bond projects and mentioned that there were handouts for members to read more about those projects.
- He also mentioned that there were also handouts on the School Board goals that they have.
- Parent teacher conferences are coming up.

Special Drawings

The winner of the Cramer Kik Step was Debbie Cabra.

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 12:58 pm.



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Membership Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Security Bank of Kansas City**

Meeting called to order by Rebecca Pendleton-Meek at 12:00 pm.
The invocation given by Dewayne Knott.

Member Introductions

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

Program – Security Bank of Kansas City

Leo Slenker thanked everyone and mentioned that Security Bank was celebrating 90 years. Then the program began with the presenting of colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The high school band then played the United States Armed Forces Medley. As the band was playing veterans and current service members went up to the front so that they could share who they were, branch that they served, their rank and years of service. Leo then thanked the Hope and the Legion for the delicious meal and Jean's Flowers for the centerpieces.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- New members include Pat Luce, Hollie Kaiser Realtor and Trinity Christian Center.
- Our December Rise & Shine will be sponsored by 169 Café on December 6th from 7:30 am to 9 am at 169 Café. We would love to see you there. If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please let her know.
- She mentioned that there was only one luncheon for 2024 that still needs a sponsor.
- She spoke about the plans for CandyLand Christmas and invited our businesses to be involved.
- She then let membership know that the Chamber Elf would be out visiting businesses and if you would like for her to stop by let her know.
- Erika let everyone know that Carter Media KMZU had a special advertising opportunity for our members.
- She mentioned that renewal letters had been mailed and emailed out and if you have not received yours, please let her know. She reminded everyone that memberships must be renewed by December 31st to be included in the print directory and that advertising opportunities for the print directory are available.
- She reminded everyone about the upcoming board election along with a vote for a few bylaw changes.
- Erika spoke about the upcoming Community Awards Banquet being on February 29th at White Iron Ridge. Nominations will be opening on November 23rd and close on January 1st. She also mentioned that they will be having the community voting on the winners this year.
- Erika shared some information on the November Member of the Month Connections Bank.
- She then reminded everyone how to be entered into the Member of the Month spin.

- December member of the month is Clay County.

City of Smithville Report – Mayor Damien Boley

- Mayor Boley thanked our veterans for serving.
- Mayor Boley mentioned that the 2024 city budget includes \$10,000 for an agreement with the Chamber to help with business retention.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Dr. Mark Maus

- Dr. Maus thanked the veterans and mentioned some of the events that they have coming up to recognize the veterans.
- He mentioned that they are transitioning from fall to winter sports.
- He mentioned the fall sports and their accomplishments this year.
- He also said that the band and choir have been in competitions and doing great.
- He spoke about the great things that the FFA are doing this year.
- Dr. Maus thanked everyone who participates in the celebrations of our students and their achievements.

Special Drawings

The winner of the centerpieces from Jeans Flowers were Timothy Jackson, Mindy Hedgecorth, Ryan Stein, Joe Carroll, Alex Porter, Carol Dawkins, Dr. Linda Buckmiller, Natalie Thompson, Starla Janes, Dr. Maus, Tony Holland, and Ellen Crowe.

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
December 13, 2023
Smithville American Legion Post 58
Sponsored by Benefit Solutions**

Meeting called to order by Rebecca Pendleton-Meek at 12:00 pm.
The invocation given by Dan Hartman was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Introductions

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

Program – Benefit Solutions

Miranda introduced herself and mentioned that David Prather would have liked to have been there, but his wife was having knee replacement surgery. She spoke about how businesses are usually rated based on the community that they are in. However, they work with level funded plans that go based on the health of their employees. Most of the plans that they offer do cover telehealth visits with zero copay. Miranda then spoke about startup costs and other costs of their level funded plans. She spoke a little about the difference in their plans compared to bigger corporation plans. Miranda ended by saying that they offer other supplemental, dental and vision insurance as well.

Voting Results – Kenny Tromp

Vice President is Jeanne Saylor, Secretary is Justin Hough, and the Members at Large are Kelley Stumph, Dewayne Knott and Anthony Cramer. The bylaw changes were passed.

REPORTS:

Executive Director Report – Erika Winston

- New members include McBee's Coffee N Car Wash, Lamar Advertising of Kansas City, CB DeFarkas Enterprises, LLC and Kelly Kobylski for Missouri.
- We will be having a Ribbon Cutting for McBee's Coffee N Carwash on January 18th so stay tuned for updates.
- Our January Rise & Shine will be sponsored by Agent Jo & Associates on January 3rd from 7:30 am to 9 am with the location to be announced. We would love to see you there. If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please let her know.
- 2024 Luncheons are booked, so if you are interested in reserving a 2025 luncheon please talk to Erika.
- Erika thanked everyone who sponsored and helped with Candyland Christmas. Everyone had a great time.
- She mentioned that they are asking for bids for the Chambers Workers Compensation insurance and bids for the 2024 print directory.
- She mentioned that we are selling table sponsorships for the Community Awards Banquet that will be held on February 29th at White Iron Ridge. She also mentioned that we are accepting nominations until January 1st and then we will be asking the community to vote on those nominees this year. Nomination forms and more information is on the welcome table.
- January member of the month is CB DeFarkas Enterprises, LLC.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

- Cynthia spoke about business retention visits, city communication and other things that they will be working on with the Chamber on with the recent agreement between the two. If you are interested in a business retention visit, please reach out to Erika to get something scheduled.
- Do not flush flushable wipes!

Smithville Public Schools Report – Mindy Hedgecorth

- Mindy mentioned that Dr. Maus and Carol were at a Northland Regional Chamber Education Committee meeting at the Smithville campus.
- They have a lot of bond projects going on and she thanked everyone for supporting them. One project is the mountain of dirt for the compaction of the soil for the transportation facility on 92 hwy.
- Another project is for safety and security. She can only share so much to keep that information safer.
- They are happy with the DESI results, but they could not share any more than that at this time.
- Many events and activities are happening this season, and they would love for everyone to come to any of these activities to support our warriors.
- Winter break begins on December 20th and staff will return on January 2nd with students returning on January 3rd.

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 12:58 pm.