



Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce
December Board Meeting
December 18, 2019
Kozak's Laketown Grill

The meeting was called to order by President Starla Janes at 11:45 am.

Attendees were Carol Noecker, Starla Janes, David Cooper, Diane Thompson, Holly Olsen, Pam Davis, Kelly Busch, Angela Gillen, Scott Pearson, Erika Winston, and Dennis Brewer.

Meeting Minutes

The November 2019 minutes were presented for approval by David Cooper. No corrections were noted. Pam moved to approve the minutes. Holly seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The November 2019 Balance Sheet and Budget was presented for approval by treasurer-elect Diane Thompson. There are membership dues still outstanding that are not included in the report. The 2019 real estate tax bill is for \$2,002 and is included in this report. Angela moved to approve the treasurer's report, Holly seconded it. The motion passed.

Executive Director Report – Carol Noecker

1. Carol spoke at the Smithville Successful Networking Group which resulted in four new chamber members. They are Penny Wright with Aflac, Linda Parrish with Prairie Fire Roasters Coffee, Annette Parish-Newman with Pink Zebra, and John Dammen with Tastefully Simple. The other new members this month are Curry Real Estate Services, Dr. Michael Brown with Meritas Health, and The Warehouse by Fresh Picked.
2. There are very few member luncheon sponsors for 2020 as only March, September, and November are spoken for at this point. There was discussion about charging members for the luncheon if no sponsors step up since that is how several nearby Chambers operate. The consensus was that the complimentary lunch was important to maintain if at all possible as attendance at the monthly luncheons may suffer without it.
3. The Missouri Mainstreet Program Town Hall Meeting will be on Feb. 10th at the SHS cafeteria from 6-8 pm.
4. Carol has sent an email requesting that all members notify her if they wish to renew their membership and to please update their business information if needed.
5. The Courier Tribune bid is the only bid received to print the chamber directory.
6. Candyland Christmas was a huge success with over 500 kids coming through. Dennis mentioned that one family drove over 3 hours to attend the event for the third year in a row. The Viebrocks' carriage rides were greatly appreciated. The building used this year provided a much better layout with improved traffic flow. Dennis moved that we

donate \$100 to Lance Mitchell for the use of his building. Pam seconded it, the motion passed.

7. The By-Laws were discussed. Scott brought up the question as to how many votes are allowed per membership and if there can be more than one board member per business. It was determined that each membership has only one board member vote.

Outreach Specialist – Kelly Busch

LaFuente still has not paid their program fees but all other businesses are caught up. Kelly may visit TW Ship and Sign to see if they want to be a part of the welcome program.

EDC Report – Scott Pearson

A January meeting is scheduled.

Old Business

There are no new bids for the chamber building façade, more contractors are being sought.

Don Hanks has agreed to sign the newly required lease agreement and obtain general liability insurance if his rent would not increase. This information was brought forward by Scott as a proposed compromise to the previously approved chamber rental requirements. After much discussion regarding the matter, no motion was made regarding any changes to the already approved lease agreement. It was agreed by all that much of the negativity surrounding the changes for our tenants could have been avoided with better communication from the board. It was proposed that a letter be included in the chamber newsletter explaining the reasons for the changes. Starla and Dennis will draft that letter; with Chamber Board input and approval, and send to Carol to include in the newsletter.

New Business

Several businesses and/or organizations have been given membership in exchange for services or a reciprocating membership. They are as follows:

Clay County Economic Development Council
Clay County Tourism Board
KC Source Link
Kearney Chamber of Commerce
Molly Beale Photography
Northern Platte County Area Chamber of Commerce
Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce
Smithville Self Storage
TN'T Electric
Unger & Associates, CPAs

With Scott taking over duties as Chamber President, it was determined that Carol should replace Scott as the Chamber's representative to the EDC. Holly moved that Carol become the chamber representative to the Smithville Economic Development Council. Pam seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Addendum to the minutes:

Two items of discussion were debated through an email chain starting on Jan 10th. Scott congratulated all for being elected to the board and asked if anyone on the board wished to step up to the VP position. He mentioned two other chamber members have expressed interest in the position as well. David mentioned he was interested and would think about serving as VP over the weekend. On Monday, January 13th, David informed the board that he would be willing to serve as vice president if that was the consensus of the board. Scott suggested three options to fill the vice president position: nominate David to fill VP position and appoint a new at large board member, nominate David as VP, if approved have a special election for membership to elect a new board member, or to place David and others wishing to run for VP on a ballot and have the membership vote on it. If David wins have another election for his vacated board member position. Discussion followed regarding these options. Diane Thompson made a motion for David to be appointed VP. Holly seconded Diane's motion for David to be VP and wanted to add that we have an election at next membership luncheon to fill the at large board opening. There was confusion regarding communication on the email string following this discussion and the motion as not all members seemed to be receiving all the emails. To this point, Pam also made a motion for David to be the VP after it was already seconded. No vote was called for and since there was confusion as to whether the rules of order were followed. Scott suggested this item be tabled until the next board meeting.

Diane Thompson also asked what the protocol is for who has signature authority on the financial accounts for the chamber. Discussion followed with Diane adding that the by-laws state three signers are needed and that generally in other organizations the signers are the president, secretary, and treasurer. David moved that whoever holds the position of president, secretary, and treasurer for the board will have signature authority on all financial accounts the chamber owns and that signature authority will change as those board positions change in the future. Diane seconded the motion. The motion passed.