

# Neligh Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting

December 14, 2021. Noon - Chamber Office

Present: Wade, Rich, Jill, Carson Whitesel (FBLA seat), Steve

Absent: Diane, Traci, Lianne, Klint

Other Guests: Aiden Kuester, Lisa Hanson, Lauren, Bri

## Meeting called to order at 12:07 PM

Approval of November Bills: A motion was made to approve the November Bills. Motion: Rich, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve

Approval of November Minutes: A motion was made to approve the November Minutes. Motion: Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Rich

## Old Business:

1. Warrior Rewards: It was tabled at the October Meeting to revisit if the Chamber will donate to the Warrior Rewards program pending on the results of Novemberfest. – tabled until after Novemberfest Recap Meeting is held

## New Business:

1. 2022 Officer Member Elections: **Voting for 2021 Officers. Board Members are Steve Simonsen, Rich Burgess, Traci Jacobsen, Jill Kallhoff, Diane Carlin, Lianne Lawson, Klint Arnold, Wade Pitzer, and FBLA Seat**
  - President: Jill Kallhoff was nominated to return as president. A motion was made to cease nominations for president by Steve Simonsen, and the motion was seconded by Rich Burgess. It was a unanimous vote to have Jill Kallhoff return as our new president! **Motion: Steve Simonsen, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Burges, 2022 President: Jill Kallhoff**
  - Vice President: Wade Pitzer, Steve Simonsen, and Diane Carlin were all nominated for the vice presidency. A motion to cease nominations was made by Rich Burgess and seconded by Steve Simonsen. After a vote, Steve was elected as our 2022 VP. **Motion: Rich, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jill, VP: Steve Simonsen**
  - Treasurer: Klint Arnold and Diane Carlin were nominated to be the new Treasurer. A motion to cease nominations was made by Steve and seconded by Jill. Diane Carlin was elected to continue serving the Chamber as Treasurer. **Motion: Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jill, Treasurer: Diane Carlin**
  - Secretary: Rich Burges and Traci Jacobsen were nominated for secretary, and Rich was elected to fill the position. Prior to voting, a motion to cease was made by Wade and seconded by Steve. **Motion: Wade, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve, Treasurer: Rich Burgess**
2. Chamber Director Report: Bri first started with a few things to note which included extended shopping hours on Wednesday, Pinnacle Bank's open house on Friday, Christmas Trolley Ride on Friday, Sly's Grinch Photo Shoot on Saturday, and the Annual Banquet being scheduled for March 26! Earlier this month, Heritage had an open house and a retirement party for Marleen Timm. The library also held a holiday open house with Santa Visits on December 6. Lucky Joe's had a tasting event and ACN had a

holiday open house last week! The new Big Bucks came in just in time for the holidays! So far almost \$4000 has been distributed in Big Bucks!

Bri has the new Brochures designed, just waiting to add one more point to possibly add. The idea was brought up to include a discounted membership for retired Chamber Members. This membership could be great for past members to stay up to date on what is happening as well as be active if they would still like to! A membership of \$50 will be added to the brochure for retired chamber members.

The Grinch has been moving around and it's been going well! A letter was written to the City Council to request Lottery Fund to assist us in updating the Christmas Lights. Lauren will be presenting this on our behalf at the meeting tonight! The Christmas light judging contest is currently happening! The final decisions will be made tomorrow on who the winners are for the 2022 year. Last, her current contracted hours as of the first week of December are 1005/1000. She will be trying to cut back on these as to not go over too much. **(Motion of approval needed at next meeting.)**

3. **ED Report:** Lauren discussed the progress that ED has been making this past month. The Discover Neligh App is being release on Wednesday, Dec. 22! This will be a driving or walking tour of Neligh's historical locations and will be release just in time for the holidays with people visiting and being home! A housing study update is being presented to the City Council as our current one is 6 years old.

The Career and Job fair will be at the Antelope County fairgrounds on January 27. Curriculum is in the works for the career fair portion as well as speakers being lined up - which includes Angie Stinger from Northeast Nebraska Growing Together and Northeast Community College discussing local career opportunities. The ED Office is also working to have an electric charging station added to Neligh. Clearwater's new video was released this month, and Leadership Nebraska was in Norfolk in November.

#### Committee Reports:

1. **Membership:** River Mill Coffee Co. has joined! DB Construction has also joined and will be hosting a ribbon cutting on December 17 at 5:15 pm.
2. **Promotions:** The Great Elf Hunt is going on and currently there are 11 businesses participating!
3. **Business After Hours:** January 28<sup>th</sup>- Carquest/Two Rivers from 5-7 pm! They will also have their annual open house from 11 am-2 pm.
4. **Parade of Lights:** The nice weather helped the Parade to have a great turn out of spectators as well as floats with around 20 participants! The Hotdog feed at the Legion had lots of people come through the line and visit Santa with around 350 people being fed! A big thank you to the FBLA students for hosting the games and decorating the tree, to the Legion for allowing us to use the space, and for Sly's and Stealth for making the hotdog feed possible!
5. **Expo Update:** Bri provided a brief update on the Expo. Sly's and the Senior Center will be returning this year and set up and tear down will be assisted by the Neligh-Oakdale Public School FFA. RFPs for the Expo Mailers were sent out to businesses, and currently 21 of the 54 booths are filled!

**Adjourn: A group consensus was made that no further business could be conducted at 12:50 pm. No vote to adjourn was held due to lack of quorum.**

Minutes Reviewed and Approved by: **Jill Kallhoff, President**      **Date: 12/23/21**