

Neligh Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting

March 8, 2022. Noon - Chamber Office

Present: Jill, Steve, Rich, Klint, Diane, Traci, Wade, FBLA Chair (Carson Whitesel)

Absent: Lianne

Other Guests: Lisa, Brittany Olson, Bri

Meeting called to order at 12:06 PM

Approval of February Bills: **Motion: Rich, 2nd: Traci**

Approval of February Minutes: **Motion: Diane, 2nd: Steve**

New Business (12:10 PM):

1. **Christmas Light Display:** A brief update was provided over the total grand funding received and donations made so far this year. With that money, the Christmas Light Display Committee decided to purchase new pieces while they were on sale. They were able to buy a sleigh, elves, and a Santa! The board also reviewed what pieces were left to purchase to complete the East side display, and they discussed what would happen to the old pieces. It was decided the old pieces would not be put up again this year, and anyone who donated them in the past would be contacted. Any pieces left unclaimed will be sold to help contribute to the new display.
2. **Chamber Director Report:** Bri went over some upcoming events including Annual Banquet on March 26 and Shred Day on April 20. Membership is coming in with around 85% of our past businesses coming back. Reminders will be sent out this month for those who have not renewed their membership yet for the 2022 year.

The Christmas Light display was taken down on Feb 15. Thank you to Rich, Steve, and Neligh City Works for helping get it all put away. Thank you to NOPS students for prepping by getting everything pulled out of the ground the week prior. The High School has also reached out looking to partner with the Chamber on a city clean-up day called the "BIG EVENT". This would be a volunteer day looking to spruce up the community, but details are still in the process of being finalized. If interested or have ideas, let Bri know!

Some other work that has been done this month has been working to keep the website up to date. All the current information has been uploaded (new businesses, websites) as well as additional tabs and pages for the scholarship and expo. Most of the work this month was dedicated to Expo preparations. Current Chamber contract hours are sitting at 240/ 1000. A motion was made to approve the chamber director report. **Motion: Steve, 2nd: Traci**

3. **ED Report:** Lauren was representing the City of Neligh at the Northeast Community College Job Fair to try to help promote local jobs and our whole community. Bri provided a very brief overview, especially highlighting Lauren graduating Leadership Nebraska!

Committee Reports (12:30 PM):

1. **Promotions:** Upcoming Promotions are the Mother's Day CoOp Ads and then Father of the Year.
2. **Annual Banquet:** The annual Banquet will be on March 26 at the American Legion! Details have all been set and prepared for the upcoming event!
3. **Expo Update:** Bri provided an update over the Expo. This year had a steady flow that resulted in 500 people attending. However, the numbers could be slightly off as we found people sneaking in through an open side door instead of coming through the front. Our speakers all had strong turnouts. The Expo did remove 3 booths this year for storage, and it was very handy to not have to try to find places to hide all of the extra chairs and tables due to this space! The committee would like to give a big thank you to Sly's for the food and all the wonderful volunteers who helped tear down and set up everything, especially NOPS FFA. Some of our vendors have already signed up for next year!
4. **Open Floor for Additional Discussion:** N/A

Adjourn: 12:26 pm, Motion: Traci, 2nd: Wade

Minutes Reviewed and Approved by: Rich Burgess, Secretary

Date: 3/18/22