

Month	Present	Absent
September	Jill, Steve, Diane, Klint, FBLA, Dawn, Laurie	Rich, Kelli
October	Jill, Steve, Diane, FBLA	Rich, Klint, Laurie, Kelli, Dawn

**Neligh Chamber of Commerce Monthly/Annual Meeting
November 14 Noon - Chamber Office**

Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM

Roll Call: A A (phone) A A
 Jill Steve Rich Diane Klint Kelli FBLA Dawn Laurie

Other Attendees: [Tammy, Lauren, Sara](#)

Approval of October Bills & Treasurer report: [A motion made by FBLA and a second by Jill. All approved.](#)

Neligh Chamber of Commerce
Monthly Bills

October 2023

Checks

Vendor	Description	Amount	Aprov.	Check #
First Street Brewing	Novemberfest	260.32	pd	1635
Junto Wine	Novemberfest	369.25	pd	1636
Farm Life Creamery	Novemberfest Cheese	512.00	pd	1637
Pfizer Digital	Website Fee	44.34	pd	1638
Bottle Rocket Brewing	Novemberfest	210	pd	1640
Soldier Valley Spirits	Novemberfest	140.33	pd	1641
Orchard Fudge	Novemberfest	50	pd	1642
Sweet Harvest	Novemberfest	141.25	pd	1643
Niobrara Valley	Novemberfest	306	pd	1644
Kimberely Meyer	Novemberfest	400	pd	1645
Blended Distilling	Novemberfest	150	pd	1646
Woodshed Villes	Novemberfest	304.98	pd	1647
Steve Simonsen	Sams Novemberfest Husker Bounce Bul	988.89		
Security Shredding	Shred Day	60		
Blackburns	Novemberfest sign	40		

Vendor	Description	Amount	Aprov.	Check #
Thrifway	Supplies/Board Lunch	37.41		
Nielsen Insurance Inc	General liability	500		
ColdType Publishing	Novemberfest	290		
River Mill Coffee Co	Novemberfest	199.15		
Rural Route One	Reimbursement	90.00		
Check Total		\$5093.92		
Pinnacle Bank	Credit Card Expenses			
Dollar General	Ribbon Cutting Frame	5.33		
Glass and Growlers	Novemberfest glasses	467.44		
Nebraska State Patrol	Background Check	31		
Credit Card Total		\$503.77		
Bill Total		\$5597.69		

Approval of October Minutes: A motion made by FBLA and a second by Jill. All approved.

New Business:

Nominations from the Floor No nominations. FBLA made a motion to cease nominations and a second by Kelli. Nominations closed.

Nomination Voting No voting took place. Board stays current with Klint, Diane, and Kelli remaining on board for another 3 year term.

Annual Review/DED RWFH grant accounts Sara noted that due to large amount of money that was awarded for the Rural Workforce Housing Grant that the Chamber must hold an annual review. Kyle Overturf AMGL CPA out of Grand Island would look at the Chamber accounts beginning on November 17th. Lauren noted one of the recommendations for the DED RWFH grant was to open multiple accounts with different banks in the community making a more complicated process to lend out the funds. Lauren recommended that an ICS (Insurance Cash Sweep) account be opened at Pinnacle to maximize insurance coverage. Klint made a motion to open an ICS account with Pinnacle Bank. FBLA made a second motion. Motion passed.

Bylaws Sara reported that she spoke with Steve and Dawn regarding the rough draft of bylaws that got sent out and had no comments. Jill reported that she had worked with Sara on some of the wording of the first draft before the copy got sent to the whole board. Lisa went through her list of recommendations that included; defining what an honorary member is ARTICLE II Section 5, having a minimum number of board members at a meeting and getting rid of the amount of meetings you can miss before you can have a vote, ARTICLE III Section 5 and AMENDMENT VI, add the organization will no incur any debt ARTICLE VII, and add an article that would include Property. Continued discussion was tabled until the December meeting.

Chamber Director Report Sara reported 877 hours. Online Marketing class will be held in January. Novemberfest took place on November 4th with roughly the same in attendance as last year. The mechanical bull shed some fun entertainment. Sweet Harvest Popcorn reported they want to come back and were sharing the event with their families and friends in Columbus telling them they need to come next year. Continued work on P & L as not all the bills have come in yet and the Chamber is still selling leftover cheese and beverages. Hopefully a full report will be done by next meeting. Thank you to Tim Brovont, Brad Schick, Briemann Werner, Cass Chessmore, Heidi Reithmeir, Eva Martin, Dan Duel, Luann and Scott Schindler, Curtis Borer, Walt & Grant, Klint, Steve, Jill, & Lauren for helping put the event on.

Coordination with Dan and Rich on getting old and new Christmas light displays up at the office, library, and courthouse. Sara noted pictures and notes have been taken this year during set up because the new light display has a lot more to it than the old display, there are a lot more steps and physical work required to get the display up. Hopefully with pictures and notes, set up will get easier every year, as new lights get added. A little over \$3000 has been raised to purchase new lights. Thank you to Dan/City employees, Rich Burgess, Curtis Borer, Hunter Maly, Lisa Hanson, and FBLA students for getting light display and nativity scene up.

Bomgaars had Ladies Night November 5th. Sara reached out to Chamber businesses on the November Co Op ad and got that information to ACN. Sara sent out information to all Chamber businesses, made social media posts, and added to website the information on the Parade of Lights with hopes that the Chamber can receive float notes in advance to help with introductions. Sara reported there were some recommendations coming in to move the Parade from the weekend of Thanksgiving to try to entice more people to come. Recommendations included the Sunday after Thanksgiving or a possible Thursday depending on school schedules. Rich asked when other towns do theirs if they do it the same day as Neligh's. Kelli noted that other towns do the following

weekend after Thanksgiving so if you move it you will run into that problem. Discussion was tabled as the Parade will be on the Sunday after Thanksgiving this year.

On the ED side, Ladies Night Out occurred November 9th which was different this year with it being on a Thursday evening. Lisa reported she thinks people just love the event and doesn't matter what day it's on that people will go. Sara reported that Lucky Joe stated he had sixty women come in and had larger sales due to the event. Continued work on the Rural Workforce Housing Grant to receive the money with the annual audit.

ED Report Lauren reported continued work on the Rural Workforce Housing Fund and that it will become public tomorrow that a new LLC has requested funds to be flipping and selling. The Neligh Mill was listed as one of the Top 5 Destinations in the Nebraska Passport Program, congratulations Harv and noting that Neligh is recognized across the state and something we should be proud of. The completed Certified Local Government application was emailed to History Nebraska which will get forwarded to the National Park Service in being considered in becoming the 9th CLG in Nebraska. In Clearwater, two applications have been approved for the purchase of the duplex making it possible for them to be in their new homes before Christmas.

Committee Reports: (Membership, Expo, Promotions, BBQ, Novemberfest, Annual Meeting, Holiday, Banquet)

No Discussion

Adjourn: Motion made by FBLA and a second by Klint to adjourn. Motion passed.

Time: 12:54pm