

Neligh Chamber of Commerce Monthly

January 10, 2023. Noon - Chamber Office

Present: Rich, Steve, Lisa (FBLA), Laurie, Diane

Absent: Kelli, Klint

Other Guests: Tammy, Lauren, Sara

Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM Jill called the meeting to order at 12:07pm. Jill had all the board members sign the updated signature cards.

Approval of December Bills & Treasurer report: A motion was made from Steve to accept December Bills and Treasurer report with the added check written for the due Payroll Expense. 2nd Rich. All approved.

Approval of December Minutes: A motion was made by Traci to approve December Minutes. 2nd by Steve. All Approved.

New Business:

2023 Committee Volunteer Assignments. Assignments were as follows: Memberships-Kelli, Expo-Rich & Laurie, Promotions-Traci, BBQ-Jill, Klint, & Laurie, Novemberfest-Steve, Annual-Sara, Holiday Parade of Lights-FBLA, Annual Banquet-Sara, Traci, Jill, Lauren

Chamber Director Report Director reported 1020.85 hours. The Great Elf Hunt went through and concluded in December. Lucky Joe drew winners on December 21 with 3rd place Megan Jacob, 2nd place Ginny Garzon, and 1st place Nancy Parks.

The Neligh Flower Shop, Steckleberg, and Dan Donaldson were the judges for this years Christmas Light Contest Winners. The 2022 winners were Commercial-Neligh Family Dentistry, Religious-Frist Congregational Church, and Residential Steve Mosel.

Most of December was focusing on upcoming Chamber Memberships. An updated brochure and new plaques were created. Information on a Ribbon Cutting Fund and Co Op Ads were included. Packets were mailed to current members along with Simplot, Excalibur Detailing, Jonny Dodge, among others.

The director reported trying to rewrite all the bylaws in 2023 to keep them up to date. For now approved amendments from previous meetings were added. A Nonprofit Corporation Biennial Report 2023-2024.

The director has been working with Lauren on lining up Expo speakers and getting vendors lined up. A motion was made by Steve and 2nd FBLA Emerson. All approved.

ED Report: ED director reported work on the 150 celebration collaborating with businesses on collecting information on the 150 book. An entrepreneurship and child center grant applications were submitted with the help of the assistant director. Josh Blood took over Wanek Pharmacy on January 1, and is now Blood Pharmacy. Traci reported with Lauren on all the events that plan on taking place for the 150th Celebration. A public meeting will be held on January 18th at 7:00pm.

Committee Reports:

Membership: No Discussion

Expo: Get Your Booth! Rich recommended trying to find an Agriculture speaker. Lauren reported we are open to Ag speakers but they just don't seem to draw a crowd. Sara asked for opinions on speaker options. Rich is attending Norfolk's Ag Show this week and will hand out Antelope County Flyers to promote Neligh's Show. Laurie is going to Verdigre's Ag Show and will hand flyers out inviting members to Neligh's.

Promotions: Sara reported that you can go to the Neligh Senior Center and vote through January on changing the name of the center. Traci confirmed it is Mother of the Year this year. FBLA brought up possibly having a Ladies Night Out in the Spring. Diane mentioned having a gathering of Neligh businesses to discuss purchasing businesses supplies possibly through he hospital.

BBQ: No Discussion

Novemberfest: No Discussion

Annual Meeting: No Discussion

Holiday Parade of Lights: No Discussion

Annual Banquet: April 15, 2023 No Discussion. F

Adjourn: FBLA stated that they would like to provide lunch for the next Chamber meeting. Diane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:52, 2nd by Steve.