

Month	Present	Absent
December	Jill, Steve, Klint, Kelli, Diane, FBLA, Rich, Laurie	Dawn
January	Jill, Steve, Klint, Kelli, FBLA, Rich, Laurie	Diane, Dawn

**Neligh Chamber of Commerce Monthly  
February 13th Noon - Chamber Office**

Meeting called to order at 12:07 PM

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Roll Call:        Jill        Steve    Rich    Diane    Klint    Kelli    FBLA    Dawn    Laurie

Other Attendees: Tammy, Lauren, Sara

Approval of January Bills & Treasurer report: [Motion made by Steve. Second by Laurie. Motion passed.](#)

Approval of January Minutes: [Motion made by Steve. Second by Laurie. Motion passed.](#)

***New Business:***

CD Renewal Jill noted a 5-month and 3-month special right now, both lower than the 6-month special the CD is now. Sara stated she would reach out to Pinnacle Bank, Bank First, and Heritage as the age date gets closer and contact the board on action to move forward once CD matures. Tabled.

Holiday Light Display Purchase Sara presented the board with three options for purchasing holiday displays with money raised in 2023. Option 1 was to buy the remaining displays on the plan; Option 2 was to acquire the snowman family and Mrs. Claus, and Option 3 was to buy just the snowman family. Sara reported that if the board decides Option 1, the chamber would be short roughly \$2000. The chamber did apply for money from the Kalevelage Trust Fund for the remainder of the amount needed but has yet to hear on decision. Sara reported that they have the money in the account earned from the BBQ and Novemberfest if they decide to purchase before the quote expires at the end of the month.

Sara reported that she spoke with Klint before the meeting and recommended buying all displays. Jill noted that she agrees there is money in the account and recommends purchasing the remaining displays. Lisa asked if the business would back up or have a warranty since there have been issues with the first order purchased. Sara reported continued communication with Holiday Outdoor Décor and requested to see their warranty policy before making any purchase. Lisa agreed that if Holiday Outdoor Décor has a warranty and will back their products if faulty, the chamber will purchase the remaining displays. FBLA motioned for the Chamber to buy the snowman family, Mrs. Claus, and two candy cane displays from Holiday Outdoor Décor, with the holiday committee deciding where collections will be placed. Steve seconded it. Motion passed.

Bylaw Article I-General Diane recommended that Section 2 read “Neligh Chamber of Commerce was organized in 2016 to achieve greatness together by educating members, supporting the business community, and investing in the Neligh, Nebraska community.” Lauren stated she thinks the date needs to be 1913 to when the Chamber was formed, not when it was reinstated. Steve and Jill agreed. Sara stated she would keep the description from the annual review but change the date to 1913, as Section 2 of Article I.

Diane stated that she does like the original Section 2 purpose but feels it is too long and gets lost, but it sets a good reminder to the board on how they should be thinking when making decisions for the Chamber. Sara recommended moving the original purpose to Article IV, Board of Directors. Lisa agreed that would be more fitting. Diane recommended moving the original purpose to Article IV, making it Section 2, and moving the remaining Sections down under Article IV. The rest of the board agreed. Sara stated she would make those changes.

**Chamber Director Report** Hours are 72. Chamber taxes have been completed. Membership dues continue to come in. Talk with 719 Fitness and continuing membership over new ownership, and Rural Route One celebrated one year of transfer of ownership. Carquest/ Two Rivers and Melissa Smith State Farm held open houses.

All but three booths for the expo are sold. All speakers are booked. Steve Pellatz on Carbon and Biological Effects, Midplains Produce on Local Foods are Important, CDS Inspection on Energy Savings & Healthy Homes, and Dr. Theondal on Cancer Screening.

Thanks to Steve, Rich, and city staff for helping get displays and nativity scenes down at the courthouse, office, and library. Dan graciously took tree lights to the city office to try to fix the strands not working and agreed to fix the faulty tree base. Sara reported that she has been talking with Holiday Outdoor Décor about the lights and tree base that aren't working and how the company can back their product to make another purchase with them worth it. Sara reported, as stated above that she received the quotes on the remaining displays needed to complete the plan and will move forward with what the board voted on.

The Chamber Banquet is April 13<sup>th</sup>. All nominations need to be in today for voting to occur and awards ordered. Sara stated that a menu is being worked out if anyone wants to get their recommendations soon.

Sara reported forwarding the survey on the social media class to Lori Schrader with the Center of Rural Affairs. They are working with the instructor and will forward dates and times for the class soon and be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

Sara reported that the annual review was completed. Everything needed to receive the Rural Workforce Housing Grant has been uploaded to Amplifund. Now we wait for the release of funds. Moving forward in the Economic Development office, Sara will work on the C4K application. Laurie made a motion to approve the director's report. Steve second. Motion passed.

**ED Report** Lauren reported that Kevin Hild's duplexes are almost complete. Nine individuals have been enquiring about them, so anticipation is they will be sold fast. BTB Construction has begun construction on Second and F St with hopes to be completed by the end of summer. Lauren reported that an individual would like to build multiple townhomes in Neligh. An ACT was approved for 719 Fitness and a digital façade for Taylor Realty. Two Bills in Clearwater hopes to have a soft opening in the middle of March. The Clearwater Legion has begun remodeling. Nate Smith and Noah Hicks will be entertainers at the Clearwater Rodeo this summer.

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

Banquet- (Lifetime Achievement/Outstanding Member/Community Member) Due February 13<sup>th</sup> Noon  
Scholarship-Reminder due April 1

Adjourn: Motion made by Steve. Second by Laurie. Motion passed.

Time:12:52

# Neligh Chamber of Commerce

## Monthly Bills

January 2023

Checks

Vendor	Description	Amount	Aprov.	Check #
Cold Type Publishing	envelopes	73.81		
Bear Graphics	Big Bucks	616.43		
Thriftway	Office Supplies	21.83		
<b>Check Total</b>		<b>712.07</b>		
Pinnacle Bank	Credit Card Expenses			
Imperial Steakhouse	Board Lunch	91.49		
Grammarly	Professional program	75.00		
Cannon	Printer Ink	339.95		
ACI Payment	Nebraska Use Tax Return	78.18		
<b>Credit Card Total</b>		<b>584.62</b>		
<b>Bill Total</b>		<b>1296.69</b>		