

Month	Present	Absent
May	Jill, Steve, Rich, Kelli, FBLA, Klint, Laurie	Diane, Traci
June	Jill, Steve, Rich, Kelli, FBLA, Klint, Laurie, Diane	Laurie

**Neligh Chamber of Commerce Monthly/Annual Meeting
June 13, 2023. Noon - Chamber Office**

Meeting called to order at 12:06 PM

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Roll Call: Jill Steve Rich Diane Klint Kelli FBLA Laurie

Other Attendees: Tammy, Lauren, Sara, Dawn Nelson (Rural Route One)

Approval of May Bills & Treasurer report: 1st Steve 2nd Kelli Approved

Approval of May Minutes: 1st Steve 2nd Rich Approved

New Business:

Resignation of Traci as Board Member 1st Rich with Regrets 2nd Steve Approved

Vote of new Board Member Unanimous in favor of Dawn Nelson (Rural Route One) joining the board.

Chamber Director Report 1st Steve 2nd Klint

Director reported 428.5 hours. Director Borer reported that Excalibur Detailing as officially joined the Chamber. Excalibur Detailing and Rural Route One would like to do a ribbon cutting, but are unsure of timing. Seven letters were sent to Chamber Members that have not paid their dues yet. An attempt to visit with Bank First to welcome and give Membership brochure, but no one was in office. Lauren visited on the phone with Brad Schick, and stated he is normally in office in afternoons. Director reported she would reach out in the afternoon.

Director reported working on ARTICLES I, II, & III of the Bylaws. The Chamber received the O'Neill Bylaws for reference. Borer continues to update the Website and social media platforms. There have been multiple promoting events in May including the Library Bike Rodeo, State Farm employee retirement, and Thriftway Burger Bash. Lucky Joe's is having a Bourbon with the Boys June 13th, Rural Route One is having permanent jewelry June 23 & 24th, and the Neligh 150th Celebration at end of month. Borer stated to keep their office update on any business events and promotions that they can help with.

Mother of the Year was busy this year. Neligh Flower shop supplied carnations, FBLA supplied cookies, and Shamrocks with two hanging baskets. Jill, Steve, Lauren, and Sara read through school and adult nominations. Jill, Diane, and Sara delivered carnations and cookies to Mothers on May 12th. Darla Hauf won the adult nomination and Evelyn Torres won the student nomination. Congratulations to them. Borer, would like to give shout out to her own mother who has traveled multiple times a month to watch her daughter to allow her to not disrupt her director duties and allow the Chamber to continue to run smoothly.

The Chamber provided breakfast pizza and Mt. Dew to FBLA the second to last day of school to thank them for all the work they do for the Chamber throughout the year which include, holiday decoration set up and take down, Halloween games, Parade of Light games, and more.

In the Economic Development office, we continue to celebrate the Nebraska Rural Workforce Housing Grant, that was received. Borer attended the NEDA Conference along with Lauren where they got to sit in on the keynote speaker who spoke on the GEN Z generation and how to effectively communicate with them which will lead productivity in communities. Borer attended the Network meeting which discussed apprenticeships, free tuition for high schoolers taking classes starting the fall, and took a tour of downtown Norfolk. Borer continues to work with Lauren on promoting the Entrepreneurial Contest and Childcare need. A meeting with Proven Ventures and Andy Elders occurred. Proven Ventures is seeking out entrepreneurs to provide resources. Lastly, Reflection Portraits will be at Stealth on June 21 to take professional headshots for anyone interested.

ED Report ED Director reported the different conferences she has attended including the NEDA Conference, Rural Prosperity, and Grant Writing Workshop. Lauren reported being over the moon with the NRW Grant. Lauren reported that the Citizens Review Advisory Committee met and Jill is going to provide an update at the city council meeting reporting funds are being spent appropriately. An important video call with NCF representatives and panel of childcare experts took place to try to find an innovative piece to the solution of Neligh's daycare shortage. The next step will be applying for C4K. and becoming a C4K community. Bank First is a new business in Neligh that is located at 110 E 4th St. In Clearwater, they received the release of funds from NE DED on Monday, May 22, for the DTR Planning Grant. Clearwater Rodeo is June 23-25 with concert by local favorites. ED Director reported using vacation time over the next 5 weeks and feels confident Chamber Director can keep the office running.

Committee Reports:

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

Promotions: ACN Advertising 1st Diane motioned to approve full page ad in the ACN paper for the 150th Celebration. 2nd FBLA Lisa Approved.

Other: Steve asked if the Chamber would be interested in having a float for the parade. Diane stated her husband, Norm would be bringing two tractors if the Chamber would like to use one for the parade if the Chamber got a sign with the Chamber Logo that could be attached to the tractor. Sara stated she would contact Blackburn's and 319 Graphics to see if they could make a sign or two that could be reusable.

Adjourn: 1st Rich

2nd Klint

Time: 12:43pm