

Month	Present	Absent
March	Jill, Steve, Rich, Diane (P), Klint, Laurie, FBLA	Traci, Kelli
April	Jill, Steve, Rich, Diane, Traci, Kelli, FBLA	Klint, Laurie

**Neligh Chamber of Commerce Monthly/Annual Meeting
May 9, 2023. Noon - Chamber Office**

Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM

Roll Call: Jill Steve Rich ^A Diane Klint Kelli FBLA ^A Traci Laurie
Other Attendees: Lauren, Sara

Approval of April Bills & Treasurer report: 1st Rich 2nd Steve Passed: Yes

Approval of April Minutes: 1st Steve 2nd Kelli Passed: Yes.

New Business:

Future Scholarship Funds- 1st Klint 2nd Laurie Passed: Yes
To transfer \$40 from the general fund to the Scholarship Fund to maintain the minimum balance of \$100.

Big Buck Donation- July 2nd Old Mill BBQ-Cash Machine
Amount: \$50 1st: Steve 2nd Hailey FBLA Passed: Yes
To use promotion funds to donate 10 \$5 Chamber Bucks to the 150th Celebration for the Chamber Cash Machine.

Chamber Director Report: 1st Steve 2nd Kelli Passed: Yes

Current Chamber hours is 335. Director reported working on promoting Ladies Night Out which was held May 3rd. Nine different businesses participated. Director reported visiting all nine businesses during the event and there appeared to be ladies at all businesses. Speaking with the businesses they seemed to have a good flow of traffic during the event. The weather was nice which helped. Director reported making flyers to hand around and also made individual posts for each business and a short video to encourage people to come out and shop.

Director reported collecting interest from 15 businesses on participating on the Mother's Day Co Op ad.

The director worked closely with Lisa on the Mother of the Year nominations. Lisa has been delivering school nominations while director has been receiving adult nominations via email. Lisa and FBLA volunteered to make cookies and Jill and Diane will hand out the carnations from Neligh Flower Shop with a cookie to mom's on Friday at 10am.

Director reported with the money from membership and donations the Chamber was able to give both Lynae Koinzan and Aiden Kuester both a \$200 scholarship.

April 15th the Annual Chamber Banquet was held at the Legion. Joyce and staff did fabulous job setting up and cooking. Congratulations to Nathan Hughes, Steve Simonsen, & Mayor Joe Hartz on their honors. Lauren put on the Nelighwed game that shed a lot of laughs, congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jacobsen on winning. The director reported asking different businesses what would entice them to attend the banquet. The director continues to collect feedback.

For Economic Development, (Assistant) Director reported coordinating a day in Neligh for the Leigh Youth Community Group, on April 26th, who visited three entrepreneur businesses along with both boutiques and met with the Neligh Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, and Foundation. On April 27th, (Assistant) Director attended a Having Hard Conversations session in Albion. May 17-19, both ED Director and Assistant Director will be attending the NEDA Conference in Lincoln.

ED Report: ED Director reported that the office should receive notification of the Rural Workforce Housing Fund Grant by Memorial Day. ED Director reported with working with multiple avenues to appl for a Nebraska Community Foundation Grant for early childhood education. ED Director reported that Mitch at Huntrex has offered to try some “push” ads for the Old Mill Day’s as an experimental run, so will be free of charge. A date has not been set yet for the professional headshots but will be sometime in June. The Neligh Family Dentistry and Blood Pharmacy have new signage. The 50th NEDA Conference will be held May 17-19 in Lincoln. In Clearwater, ED Director reported working on the Downtown Revitalization Planning study. The duplex is. Coming along and projected ribbon cutting will occur during the rodeo. ED Director reported that the mailboxes were delivered to the Clearwater graduating seniors.

Committee Reports:

Promotion: Mother of the Year-Committee to choose winner, Dad’s Night Out? Jill and Steve offered to look at the nominations and narrow down a kid and adult Mother of the Year. Director reported Lisa and FBLA will be making the cookies, Traci will have the carnations ready, and Jill and Diane will help with distributing them to the Mothers. Director reported a Chamber member came in to ask about doing a Man’s Night Out of some sort. Steve thought it was a good idea and if businesses are interested and it doesn’t take too much of the directors time to move forward with it. Steve voiced that June is busy with baseball and softball if we are thinking of doing it around Father’s Day. The board liked the idea of doing a man’s night/dad’s night. Director reported she would gather more information.

Banquet: Comments None

Other: (Membership, Expo, BBQ, Novemberfest, Annual Meeting, Holiday)

Other: 150: Lisa asked that board members look for volunteers for the Cory Kent concert to take tickets, check IDs, and put on wristbands. Lauren and Steve offered to help. Lauren stated her brother and sister will help. Lisa asked the other board members to ask around.

MembershipDirector reported that Sandy with State Farm will be retiring and was asked to share her retirement with the board on her retirement party which will be held on May 24th.

Adjourn: 1st Rich 2nd Klint Passed Yes
Time: 12:45pm