

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

**Neligh Chamber of Commerce Monthly/Annual Meeting
October 10 Noon - Chamber Office**

Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM

Roll Call: Jill Steve Rich Diane Klint Kelli FBLA Dawn Laurie
 Other Attendees: [Tammy, Lauren, Sara](#)

Approval of September Bills & Treasurer report: 1st Steve 2nd Diane All approved.

Approval of September Minutes: [Diane](#) asked if it would be appropriate to include the total bills in the meeting minutes. [Lisa](#) made a motion to accept September meeting minutes and include the bill totals moving forward. [Steve](#) second the motion. All approved.

**Neligh Chamber of Commerce
Monthly Bills**

September 2023

Checks

| Vendor | Description | Amount | Aprov. | Check # |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------|---------|
| Cold Type Publishing | BBQ Ad | 120.00 | | 1632 |
| Pitzer Digital | Desktop & Upgrade | 300.00 | | 1633 |
| Check Total | | 420.00 | | |
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| Pinnacle Bank | Credit Card Expenses | | | |
| Sly's | Board Lunch | 105.33 | | |
| Nebraska LCC | Novemberfest Liquor Licenses | 42.75 | | |
| Credit Card Total | | 148.08 | | 1634 |
| Bill Total | | | | |

New Business:

Nominating Committee Report Jill reported that Sara sent out an email to all chamber members asking if there was any interest. Sara reported that she received no feedback from the email sent out. Sara spoke with Klint in person and Kelli via Facebook, both who agreed to continue their spot on the board. Sara reported Diane was the only board member she has not heard back. Steve asked Diane if she would be willing to stay. Diane reported she would. Diane asked if we ask the current board members before we reach out to others. Jill reported that we ask both because there is no max on the number of board members. Sara reported that Rich was going to reach out to businesses and see if there was any interest if not this upcoming year but moving forward. Jill stated that if Rich wants to continue to reach out that the board would support that and at this time, we will accept nominations at the Annual November Meeting.

Increase Max on Credit Cards Sara reported that she has ran into where she has been requesting board members to use their personal credit cards to make purchases for Novemberfest because the two Chamber credit card limit is \$500. Sara reported that Novemberfest is the largest financial event that must seek resources outside of Neligh where they cannot be charged as we do with Thriftway or who do not want to bill the chamber what want immediate payment. This is mostly entertainment and vendors we are purchasing alcohol and food for tastings. Diane asked if checks could be written instead of increasing the limit. Sara reported that two signatures are needed on those checks and it's not always convenient to chase down to get two signatures when payment is needed. Steve reported he is not opposed to raising the credit card limit. Sara stated that if the board does not want to raise the limit that she requests a protocol be placed when purchases are made as to what board members are willing to use their personal credit cards. Sara reported that no purchase gets made until all committee members are notified and okay the purchase. Steve reported they were looking at getting a mechanical bull for Novemberfest and that could not be purchased with a check and neither credit cards could be used. Sara reported last months chamber lunch was on one card and the Novemberfest glasses on the other. Jill reported there are two credit cards one under Lauren and one under Sara both having the Neligh Chamber of Commerce on them. Jill stated the other option would be to get a third credit card under one of their names. Steve made a motion to move Sara's chamber credit card limit to \$1000. FBLA second it. Steve and FBLA voted for while Diane voted against. Motion passed. Jill reminded that the credit card limit could be moved back down following the same process.

Chamber Director Report Sara reported she has been working with the 6 businesses and the school on setting up the date for the Online Marketing Session. It was unanimous all the businesses wanted to wait until January. A few were open in November but also agreed to wait until January. Lisa brought to attention that waiting until January for the school might be better and that if they could incorporate the session into the Career Fair.

The Novemberfest committee has been meeting weekly. Vendors have been pinned down with the exception on the meet vendor. Kimberly Meyer has been booked for entertainment. The nonprofit SDL has been approved. Tasting glasses have been ordered. Sara reported going around selling booklet ads and Novemberfest tickets. Businesses have slowly been getting silent auction items ready. Huge shout out to Stealth for donating the baby snowman and Two Rivers who donated another \$200 towards lights.

Continued work on the website. All Novemberfest information has been updated. Furstuenau Financial celebrated Ryan's 20 years and were the Chamber spotlight. You can find their article in the Newsletter, on the website, or Facebook. Blackstrap had an open house on October 6th to celebrate being inducted into the Norfolk Area Business Hall of Fame.

Bomgaars and West Hill View Motel both joined the chamber. West Hill View Motel wants to be active in the chamber and if there is any event involving kids they want to be included. They have plans to do a little activity at the FBLA Trunk or Treat.

Sara handed out the new bylaws and asked all board members to look over as they will be added to next months agenda.

Sara attended the Thriving, Children, Families, and Community Conference. Gained some insight to what communities are doing to beat the childcare/early education shortage. Planning Ladies Night for November 9th. Attended the Planning and Zoning training through Five Rural with Lauren and Dana. Continued discussion on the Neligh Revolving Loan Fund.

Steve made a motion to accept the director report. Diane second. All Approved.

ED Report Lauren reported on the Nebraska Childcare website/app in collaboration with the Neligh Area Community Fund and Huntrex. This would provide services to daycare providers that could include billing and possible bulk ordering. There will be services for both families and providers. Families have search for daycares easier and read reviews for parents to make informed decisions. Lisa reported this is great information and that she asked for a letter of support from ED and the Chamber on the grant the Lutheran Church is trying to receive to open the class II daycare. The Entrepreneur Contest is still going on. There has been some interest and inquires on that. In Clearwater, one of the units at the duplex is in the process of being sold. Lauren reported if anyone knows someone looking for a unit there is still one available to contact her. Diane stated there were some nurses looking for housing Lauren reported she would get her that information. Lauren reported that Clearwater received a NPPD grant for an electric station.

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

Membership-October 20th, JTK Holiday Lighting Ribbon Cutting at Sly's at 4:00pm

Other: Ladies Night Out Thursday November 9th & Online Marketing Session

Lisa asked about what the Chamber had to cover for the Parade of Lights last year, because years past the Chamber didn't have to financially cover anything. Sara reported that Sly's backed out as they took a cruise during the time of the Parade of Lights. Sara reported that Reinke's and Sly's donated to help cover the costs. Sara reported she will stay in touch with Teresa on getting confirmation on if they can help this year.

Adjourn: FBLA made motion to adjourn. Steve second it. All approved.

Time: 1:00pm