



# CHAMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 1, 2022

12:00 PM

Board Member	Present	Reported Absence	Unreported Absence	Board Member	Present	Reported Absence	Unreported Absence
Gretchen Blaufuss		X		Kimberlee Bever	X		
Jana Harshman	X			Mike Gainor	X		
Bonnie Menigo		X		Shona Hughes	X		
Nick Olson	X			Katie Koppy	X		
Julie Samuelson	X			Joshua Miron	X		
Chad Faur		X		Julie Stevens		X	
				Open Seat			

Guests in attendance:

Scott Hildebrand, City of Pine City

1. Meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM by President Kim Bever.

2. President's Report

No report this month.

3. Executive Director Report

- a. Schueller shared a recent conversation with a board member regarding the Student Director positions that used to be a part of the board as non-voting members. Busy schedules and changes in leadership put this program on pause. Chad Faur shared with Schueller an interest in bringing this program back to help develop better working relationships with the school district and the college. Schueller noted that the student director positions are most successful when there is a board member willing to mentor the student director. Faur, Harshman & Koppy volunteered to serve as mentors for each of the 3 positions - high school, ambassador and PTCC student.
- b. Three new members have joined the Chamber since the last meeting. Welcome new members: Mallard Mechanical & The Yard as well as 'Til the Casket Drops Ink as a returning member.
- c. Schueller presented the September Treasurer Report for review. Expenses this month include the monthly Chamber Chat, and regular payroll expenses. General fund expenses total \$2,178.06. Additional expenses for the Ambassador Program totaling \$2,998.28 and the Parade totaling \$824.98 were also presented. A motion to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Samuelson, second by Miron. Motion carried.

#### 4. Chamber Event Committees

- a. The Pine County Parade committee shared that they had a successful event with 90 units participating this year. We experienced some hiccups this year with the parking lot changes at PTCC, but with a great crew of volunteers, things seemed to come together quite well this year.
- b. The Networking committee has set the dates for Happy Hour events for September, November & December. We are looking for location hosts and co-sponsors for each event. Final details should be available at the October Chamber meeting.
- c. The Annual Banquet committee will meet after the meeting today to set a date for this year's event and get started on planning.

#### 5. Business & Community Development Updates

- a. Homecoming Week in Pine City will be October 2nd through 7th. Schueller will offer "Dragon Spirit" window painting on Friday, September 30th & Saturday, October 1st if there are any volunteers interested in joining the efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM with a motion by Miron, second by Gainor.