

Albion Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024

Meeting was called to order at the CN Boardroom by Pattie @ noon.

Present: Pattie Gatman, Amy Leedy, Steve Hook, Mariah Kiern, Jordan Hartleroad, Melissa Wellman, Chad Dull. Absent: Sandy Petrie and Ashley Peterson

Minutes: Minutes from the April 8, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Amy made a motion to approve the minutes. Mariah seconded, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer report for April was approved and accepted. Bank Balance (5/6/2024): \$11,166.38 April Revenue: \$2482.40 = Flag Program, garage sales and membership dues. Expenses: \$1,963.60 = Ebay Sales (flags), Stamp books and Catchy Creations (website design tasks).

Old Business:

1. Bi-Laws: Board review for input on dissolution section. President will put together prospective verbiage for Board consensus via email.
2. Chamber Ambassador: Shelly McBride applied for this role and with consensus vote, this has been approved.
3. Small Business Events: There was a free social media training presented at the library. This event was sponsored by 3 Rivers Federal Credit union and presented by Content by Request. There were 22 business people in attendance.
4. We Care Clinic update: Mariah: no updates, she was on vacation.

New Business:

1. Garage sale wrap up: The process still had challenges as paying participants failed to pick up their packets with signage, numbers, and maps. Pattie personally delivered 14 packets. The feedback from the Board was that the garage sales seemed successful and that it had a positive impact on businesses. There was discussion for future planning
2. Stars & Stripes Program: Check and applications received have been forwarded to Sandy and the Steve.
3. Membership update: to discuss with Lori about simplified process.
4. Christmas in the Village updates: no updates, meeting again in the Fall.
5. Potential member benefits: Mariah will follow up with We Care Reps.
6. Discussion for potential business event for next quarter. Some interest in an additional shopping event and networking session.
7. Steve discussed updates for IN Biz Entity report: Due next year on 5/25. This is on a 5-year cycle. Completed the 990 N postcard for the IRS. NP 20R- he has received the letter for access.
8. Summer schedule: Chamber will suspend meetings for June & July for summer break. Any important information will be sent via email. on Social Media and Marketing. Vote cast, Mariah motioned with Steve seconding.
9. Next meeting: Monday, August 5, 2024.