



MARION COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

1/26/23

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met on January 26, 2023, at 10:30 CST at Arts In The Burg in South Pittsburg, TN.

Mandy Finotti asked for a roll call.

Board of Directors:

President: Mandy Finotti - Present

Vice President: Vicki Messer - Present

President-Elect: Erik McDaniel - Present

Treasurer/Secretary: Dave Pestillo - Present

Past President: Travis Hickman - Present

Trey Chance – Absent

Curtis Spangler – Absent

Staci Brockwell - Present

Sonya McShan - Present

Kathie Tierney - Present

Amy Pilgrim - Present

Joyce Burkhalter – Absent

Mike Birdwell – Absent

Jason Campbell – Absent

A quorum of Directors was present for the meeting.

Board Coordinator: Cindy Hopkins – Present

Guests in attendance:

None



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mandy Finotti asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 2023, Staci Brockwell motioned to approve, and Vicki Messer seconded.

All in favor: unanimous; all opposed: none.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Each Director was given a copy of the financial report.

Dave Pestillo shared the financial statements. All accounts are reconciled through the end of December 2023. The checking account is at \$34,083.85. The grant account has \$5,282.72 currently, and \$12,900.10 from the regular checking account needs to be transferred to the grant account. The CD account is at \$26,603.00 and is currently in a 7-month CD at 5.01%. The credit card account is reconciled and up to date. Mandy Finotti asked for a motion to approve the financial report, Erik McDaniel motioned first, and Travis Hickman seconded.

All in favor: unanimous; all opposed: none.

MAYORS REPORT

NO mayors were present

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mandy Finotti requested that each Committee have a Committee Chair who reports the committee's update to the Office Coordinator the Friday before the Monthly Board Meeting. Cindy Hopkins has created that form, sent it out, and will be making some changes.



- **Membership Committee:** Mandy Finotti asked Cindy Hopkins to speak on potential changes to the Chamber membership application. Erik McDaniel asked that we add a question regarding what the business does.

Applications for Board approval:

Greater Landscapes - Approved
The Company Lab – Approved
Just One More Foundation - Approved

All in favor: unanimous; all opposed: none.

- **Social Media / Digital Committee:** No updates.
- **Spencer Wayne Small Business Grant Committee:** Currently no one is Chair of the committee. The committee consists of Mandy Finotti, Travis Hickman, and Kathy Tierney. They will meet soon to decide on the Committee Chair. There was a discussion on how the grant funds could be used differently in the future. The grant application has gone out on February 1st in past years, but with a few more changes the committee will meet before deciding on the dates and how funds are allocated.

The committee recommended that businesses applying must be Chamber members for 6 months to receive grant funds.

All in favor: unanimous; all opposed: none.

- **Career Days Committee:** Dave Pestillo asked for \$805 plus shipping for 400 fidget spinners with the Chamber logo on them for Career Days.

Dave Pestillo motioned first, and Erik McDaniel seconded.

All in favor: unanimous; all opposed: none.

- **Banquet Committee:** No Updates.
- **Small Events Committee:** No updates.



- **Tech Committee:** Trey Chance said they have set forth to have a physical meeting regarding the initial demo video essentially asking what the community would like to learn about. That will determine the next steps. Mandy Finotti reiterated that the expectation today was to receive a demo from DragonTech. The demo will need to be seen before reaching out to the community.
- **Donation/Sponsorship Committee:** No updates.
- **Golf Classic:** Kathie Tierney said the date is June 7th, 2024.
- **Advertising Committee:** There was a question on why this is separate from donation/sponsorship. Mandy Finotti recommended that there be a Fundraising Committee and an Advertising (Sponsorship) Committee.
- **By-Laws Committee:** Erik McDaniel said all of the pieces are put together and it is being sent to a lawyer. It will be brought to the Board and then the membership. It has been voted on at the Annual Banquet in the past.

Miscellaneous

Upcoming Chamber Events

2/1/24 - Ribbon Cutting at T-Mobile @ 4:00 PM CST

2/13/24 - Chamber Coffee with The Company Lab (CoLab)

3/12/24 – Coffee Event at Volunteer Behavioral Health

Cindy Hopkins spoke about the opening of Food City.

Sharing From Community Partners

None

Guest Introductions

None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Erik McDaniel motioned to adjourn, and Amy Pilgrim seconded.

All in favor: unanimous; all opposed: none.