

Monthly Meeting
April 7th, 2025
Stockton City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by President Anna Biggs, followed by the pledge.

Roll Call was addressed: Anna Biggs, Jason Creighton, Taigen Kerr, Colton Williams, Reesa Brown were all in attendance to represent the board. In the audience: Virgo Laska - Sentinel, Chelsey Peterson - The Daily Grind, Kyleigh Stice - Sigma Phi ESA, Dean and Libby Kester - Kester Auto, Danae Odle - Jones Oil, Jana Slansky - Webster's State Park, Lisa Gilmore - VFW Aux., and Ruthann Bigge

The **secretary's report** contained minutes from the March Meeting and minutes from the Town Hall Style meeting, due to the length and both being sent out beforehand, they were not read to the audience. Anna Biggs called for a motion to approve. Jason Creighton moved to accept the secretary's report as presented and Reesa Brown seconded. The **treasurer's report** was read by Taigen Kerr. Anna Biggs called for a motion to approve, Colton Williams moved, and Jason Creighton seconded.

Old business was discussed, specifically noting that the website was being updated accordingly and bylaws, and past minutes were now available on the site for viewing.

New business was addressed and Anna Biggs said that the full detailed answers from the town hall meeting were available in the packet for anyone who wanted to thoroughly review them.

She then noted that there was an addition to the agenda from when it was sent out in email and the addition was the HWY 24 Garage Sale. The sale will take place June 6-8. The board plans to bring the flyer around to the community this coming week and encourages all members to take advantage of the event. This is a great way to bring people into Stockton.

To finish up new business the board addressed that they had met with the City representatives and it was a unanimous opinion to move our Executive Director back into the City Office. Both entities felt it was a more centralized location, and the city had noted they often get calls in regards to Chamber and it would be nice to work more closely. At our director's request it would grant more separation from her personal businesses and give more designated office hours. In addition, the city agreed to take our items in storage as well. They felt they have sufficient room to loan to our

organization, plus this is a benefit as the chamber utilizes the city for chamber events anyway. This will create a more centralized location and less questioning of where different decor is stored.

Committee Reports were next. City Rep Report is new to our agenda, but in our renewed relationship with city has been added to keep us in the know for items important for our entity. Reesa Brown reported there was not too much direct for the chamber, but the county fair board had been to the last meeting and asked if the city could be used as a vehicle for applying for grants for their updates to the 4-H building, at this time the city was undecided.

Next, the fundraising committee debuted their first fundraiser for 2025 which is the Main Street Window Advertisement Project. There are three sets of window locations, varying in pricing by the size of the window. The fundraiser aimed to hide the building contents (many are used for storage), provide an opportunity for any members that do not have a storefront, and to fundraise for chamber annual bills. The deadline for members to have exclusive choice is April 11th, after the 11th the committee will open up the opportunity to the community. The windows are first come first serve, the earlier you apply, then the window can be done before the HWY 24 Garage Sales. The flyer was attached in the packet, available on the site, and will be brought around in our face to face rounds. Anna called for questions, Kyleigh Stice asked if all the building windows were approved by the owners, both Colton Williams and Taigen Kerr had confirmed yes.

Finally for committee reports the topic of committees in general was discussed. **The board calls to action anyone who is interested in joining the committees.** The current list was attached in the packet, but the board was specifically calling out for Pumpkin Patch. The board is looking for names before April 11th to be able to organize the volunteers and notify them who had volunteered so they could start meeting. Jason Creighton did state this is not a concrete deadline, but after the 11th the volunteers listed would start meeting and planning. Anna Biggs also discussed that this year the board was following the infrastructures bylaws change by having the committees meet earlier in the year and present their event at the July Meeting. This is to keep all entities informed on what was happening for the events. Additionally, the board was looking for a second member at large to complete the 2025 term. No one volunteered for either at that time, but it was said that sign ups are available on the site or you can contact the chamber phone or email to sign up. When the floor opened up for questions Jana Slansky questioned the need for the Gala due to budget cuts. Taigen Kerr responded that the event broke even last year and we did buy directly from the members to provide the food aspect. Anna Biggs responded that the committee and the new fundraising committee felt there was room for expansion in the event, specifically fundraising

opportunities. Additionally, the board feels the need to reward the members for their efforts throughout the calendar year, they recognize the budget cuts and the committee will have to work accordingly, as do the other two event committees.

It was reiterated that the website has pertinent information and we would like our members to utilize its services. **If you know of or are hosting an event please help by notifying the Executive Director so she can add it to the community calendar.** www.stocktonschamber.com

To complete the agenda Anna Biggs **reviewed the upcoming meeting dates and plans.** May 5th at 5:30 in Stockton City Hall is the next planned meeting and there will be a speaker (TBA). There will be no meeting in June, but committees should be meeting during this break. July 7th is an imperative meeting, it will be at 5:30 in Stockton City Hall. In addition to regular business, the board will announce their future intent to stay or not, nominations from the floor will be accepted at this meeting, if there are remaining vacant spots open the nominating committee will look for members and a list of names will be released for voting at the end of August (no meeting in August due to the fair) or before the September meeting. It is the goal of the board to have new board announcements by September. Additionally, at the July meeting will be the event presentations, presentations are requested this year to keep all entities, community, members, and board, informed of the happenings of each seasonal event. May and July Meeting we are looking for snack providers, at this time since we are in a central location and not moving from business to business, the board would like to open this opportunity to any member that would like to provide something, we typically feed say plan to feed 20 people.

There were no questions following this information so Anna Biggs called for adjournment. Colton Williams moved to adjourn and Taigen Kerr seconded. Anna Biggs **adjourned the meeting at 5:53 pm.**