



Monthly Meeting April 7th, 2025 5:30pm Stockton City Hall

Call to Order

Pledge

Roll Call:

President - Anna Biggs Vice President - Jason Creighton Secretary - Sidnee Brown
Treasure - Taigen Kerr Member at Large - Colton Williams **Member at Large - Vacant**
City Rep - Reesa Brown Executive Director - Payton Keller

(All other members and or visitors in attendance please state your first and last name and what membership you are representing for the meeting)

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

- Infrastructure Committee - Passed & available for viewing on the website
- Chamber Dissolvment
- Town Hall Style Meeting

New Business

- Board's Answers to select to questions from town hall meeting
- Addition* • HWY 24 Garage Sale June 6-8
- Executive Director and Chamber belongings to move to City

Committee Reports

- City Rep
- Fundraising
 - Window Painting Advertisement - Exclusive to Members Deadline 4/11
- Overall Current Report Attached in Packet - Deadline to join is 4/11

Our Site has a membership link, calendar, and committee sign ups! <https://www.stocktonkschamber.com/>

Next Meetings:

Speaker TBA May 5th at 5:30 in Stockton City Hall - Snack Volunteer (Text Chamber 785-425-8795)

No Meeting in June

Board "Intend to Stay
or Leave" Decisions

July 7th at 5:30 in Stockton City Hall - Snack Volunteer (Text Chamber 785-425-8795)

Event Presentations

No Meeting in August - Enjoy the Fair - Watch for Board Voting Link and Meeting day & time Survey

Adjournment

Stockton Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting

03/03/2025 at 5:30pm at Stockton City Hall

Attendees: Executive Director- Payton Keller, President- Anna Biggs, Vice-President Jason Creighton, Treasurer- Taigen Kerr, Secretary- Sidnee Brown, Member at Large- Colton Williams, Webster State Park- Jana Selensky

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm.

Secretary's report was reviewed and approved by all.

Taigen read aloud the Treasurer's report- approved by all.

New Business:

-Infrastructure Committee:

-New proposed budget and bylaws reviewed. Proposed budget was reviewed. Events category received a large decrease in the budget. Our current balance is not sufficient to cover the proposed budget, even after major cuts were made.

*Jason made a motion to approve the infrastructure committee's proposal. Colton seconded this motion. All were in favor.

-Chamber Dissolution:

-Jana discussed having this be something that members can weigh in on, especially since they have already paid for dues. Jason stated we just don't have enough involvement to keep going.

-Anna discussed that the chamber is meant to support businesses, but we have become more of an event committee. Our mission doesn't align with what the community or our members expect of us.

-Jason discussed how the chamber has filled gaps for organizations such as the Lion's Club, Pride Committee, and so on. Numerous fundraisers would be necessary to keep the chamber going.

-Jana suggested writing this all down, possibly as a letter to the editor in the newspaper, posting on the Stockton Cares Facebook page, sending an email to members, etc. and get the word out that this is happening. If nothing comes of it, dissolve at the next meeting.

-Payton discussed that members need to be aware that we would need to "rebrand" to be a business support group.

-Jason suggested calling this a "call for help". If no response, we would dissolve, as Jana said, at the next meeting.

-Taigen suggested sending out a feeler of this happening, rather than just telling them we are dissolving. Members have expressed feeling left out, or like this was a secret as they were not in the know.

-Anna feels communication has historically been there for members to be involved, with minimal to no response. This would be a last ditch effort.

-Jason thought members may be able to provide suggestions. He suggests hosting a "town hall" style meeting with the chamber and members to get this sorted out.

-Jana suggested including wording that if the chamber goes away, events like Olde Tyme Christmas would also "go away"

-Colton agrees with Jana that we need to get the word out and give members a chance to help.

-Payton asked if we need to change up our meetings? Jana suggested having this be the only topic for the next meeting asking what members want from the chamber. How can we maintain involvement?

-Anna is willing to see this transition through before considering leaving the board.

-Next meeting discussion: host a special meeting to discuss this. This will be held on March 31st from 6:30pm-730pm at Stockton City Hall.

-Sidnee will type up a letter and send to Jason who can send to the board for approval.

-Committees: Anna announced this years committees thus far: Pumpkin Patch- 3 signed up. OTC- 5 signed up, Gala- 3 signed up, Fundraising-3 signed up, Nominating- 1 signed up. This will be further discussed pending the next meeting.

Colton moved to adjourn at 6:18pm, Jason seconded.

Stockton Area Chamber of Commerce Town Hall Meeting

Monday, 03/31/2025 --- 6:30pm at Stockton City Hall

Attendees: Reesa Brown, Sidnee Brown, Colton Williams, Anna Biggs, Payton Keller, Taigen Kerr, Jason Creighton, Libby Kester, Dean Kester, Adam Brant, Kayla Hillbrink, Jana Selensky, Jess Kerr, Kyleigh Stice, Janice Townley, Dianne Maddy, Ken Walker, Brian Berkley, Jacquelyn Plante, Taegan Plante, Misty Higdon, Danae Odle, Deidra Kuhlmann, Virgi Laska, Julie Hartner, Chelsea Forrester, Aronda Strutt, Ron Strutt, Candace Spencer, Rhiannon Higdon, Reid Petty

*Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Anna, president. Board introduced themselves. Anna opened the floor to the members.

Discussion:

- Ken Walker- States that this meeting must've been called for a reason so is curious what we are having this for. Jason responded with we, as a chamber, are at a crossroads. A survey was sent out to members and the community for common questions and concerns, and we received feedback.
- Candace asked us to explain our mission and what are supposed to be doing. Jason stated we attempt to support businesses and bring income to the businesses. She asked if our events were successful and what the community thought. Jason explained that we have historically had successful events, with the exception of this most recent OTC. She asked who supports these activities and where do we get funding. Jason explained we don't do fundraising currently and have no current income source. Jason discussed that some of the survey responses expressed concern with us charging for events such as the Pumpkin Patch. Reesa explained that we receive funding from the city of Stockton and from our membership dues.
- Jacqueline Plante asked how long Jason has been apart of the Chamber. Jason states he has been on the board for 2 years. She elaborated asking how he would compare his experience to now.
- Dean Kester asked if the chamber plans to stay together and continue supporting the community. Jason explained that our goal is to stay together but pivoting our focus going forward. We want to know what the members want from us, the board.
- Candace asked what events the chamber puts on. Reesa explained that we traditionally put on OTC and pumpkin patch, but that our mission/goal is not to put on events, and we do not make money off of these events. Candace asked how we received funding. Reesa explained that we receive a lump sum from the

city of Stockton and money from the memberships paid each year. Our mission is to support the businesses.

- Candace asked how membership was charged. Denae Odle explained this tiered system began when she was on the chamber. The original system payment depended on how many employees you have. Anna explained that our new system has more benefits per tier. Ken asked how many members we have historically had. Payton explained that she has this data from the last 3 years with up and down membership.
- Chelsey Peterson stated that she was on the board for 5 years and expressed she resigned last year because the chamber was not supporting small businesses. For example, things were ordered from Walmart and Amazon, rather than our local businesses. She suggested not to be defensive when presented a question and to remember we are representing an entire community/organization. Colton asked what Chelsey would like to see going forward. She stated more local support and ask members to join if we are missing them. Chelsey is undecided on if she will be joining the chamber again, if she does, she would like to see change.
- Dean states that the last meeting he attended, he walked out because the last meeting was intense. He states that nobody was there to grill someone. Libby added that their customers express their opinions, and they were simply relaying that information. Dean states their family has 3 businesses that are a part of the Chamber. Replying to Chelsey's meeting, Dean states that he heard that we purchased items off Amazon and that made him and his family angry. He suggested that there are multiple local places or people that make items. He does not want his money going out of the town that should be supporting local businesses. He expressed it is frustrating that the local people were not asked and that you won't see Amazon, etc at the parades, supporting the schools, or supporting local businesses. Dean and his family businesses are currently not members because they have heard of the Chamber disbanding and the uncertainty was confusing. Dean expressed his desire to help more with OTC in ways such as announcing, coloring books and candy canes, and would like to donate \$500 to purchase toys for the drawing after OTC. He would also like to sponsor Santa Clause. The stipulation is that he would like a bag in every business to sign up, just as it has historically been. Reesa expressed we do recognize that this is important to our community and will be bringing this back. Dean expresses that he wants to bring people to our community and does not want to see our town die. Dean also expressed that the rumor is that businesses won't support events such as bingo but his businesses constantly support. Payton expressed her thanks that when she goes to buy something from Kester Auto Parts, he typically donates.

- Libby expressed that face-to-face communication is integral, rather than a paper or email which can easily be missed. Dean also expressed that the junior class typically does the soup supper and firefighters do the pancake feed. Dean also suggested the school needs to be more involved.
- Kayla expressed that having the vendors on main street is a huge part of OTC. Reesa expressed that the 3 days OTC was not successful. Jason states that not only are we supporting businesses with OTC, we are supporting our youth. Dean states another issue was that the bank typically pays for horse rides. Danae states not to hesitate to ask chamber members to donate things, even if we get pushback. Dean suggests having a lower membership due and rather use the extra money to donate to events. Reesa clarified that he is suggesting that we look at the membership dues. Adam states he was on the board, and they did away with the tiered membership as it wasn't fair for some to pay more than others.
- Adam discussed the Peony fest, and OTC provides a space for business without an actual store a place to sell their goods. The downside becomes that if we have people volunteering, they cannot sell their goods. Kayla discussed that members were not charged for posting their booths at these events. Jason stated we did not reach out for volunteers like we used to. Jana states we cannot focus only on Facebook for signing up volunteers.
- Adam asked if the rumor of us trying to have someone else takes over these events is true. Jason discussed this would be a goal to ensure that we can support businesses in hosting these events. He states that the chamber has become an activity organization which is not feasible for our current setup. Dean asks if our activities bring people to town, Jason states yes. Dean states that this is important for the chamber to be involved in these events which foster growth for our businesses whether directly or indirectly. Dean suggested that we continue putting on these events. Reesa states that we need volunteers to do this. Candace asked if the city has a recreation committee, Reesa replied no. Kayla states that the city helps with events.
- Chelsey states that there needs to be more reaching out for volunteers, sponsors, etc. Suggested phone, or face-to-face. She states there are people who said they were not reached out to volunteer. Chelsey states that the prison crew typically helps set up the Pumpkin Patch, but they were never asked.
- Dean states that we need to figure out a way to get our younger community members involved. Kayla suggested KAY club, Dean suggested 4H clubs. Reesa states that Payton's role is only part-time, and she doesn't have enough time for these activities. Danae suggested that when she was on the board, there was no executive director.

- Jana asked if the professional position of executive director does any formal training for her position. Jana states that we cannot expect Payton to know all that she needs to do without any training. She also suggested that board members could also attend these trainings.
- Candace asked if we reach out to other chambers. Payton states that we collaborate with Phillipsburg and Hays Chambers via zoom to gain ideas and thoughts. Chesley states a previous executive director used to attend a round table discussion with other chambers in the area to look for grants, discuss ideas, etc. Dean suggested to call Jane to ask about these events. Denae suggested that we contact Hays Chamber to receive ideas from them.
- Dean expressed that he is glad that we have the chamber and does not want it to go away. Multiple members agreed. He states that there are plenty of great things about the chamber and we shouldn't focus on the negative solely. Dean expressed he feels the lack of volunteer situation with his events. Their businesses are using face-to-face communication to recruit volunteers. Dean expressed his appreciation to our board and their volunteerism. He suggested we have more meetings similar to this where people can express their ideas.
- Adam discussed that for the chamber to expand, we need to host a membership drive. They did something similar when he was on the board, offering a year free. Go into every business and have a flier that lays out what we offer to businesses and express what we expect of them. Explain that the free year allows them to see what they are benefitting from the chamber and then explain that they will be charged the next year if they would like to continue the benefits. Keeps lists of volunteers from previous years.
- Reesa asked what the members want from the chamber. Adam expressed he would like the chamber to promote his business, which he feels we do a good job of. He would like to see more of the meetings that include trainings and webinars about how to grow their business, etc. Continue reaching out to businesses.
- Jana asks what we want from the members. Jason suggests help volunteering, attending events and most importantly meetings. Chelsey suggests that the meetings are not set in stone on when they are hosted. Payton suggests that we had to go back to what the bylaws said. Chelsey says she liked when businesses hosted and were able to talk about their business and so on. Members expressed that they attempt to attend but cannot always come.
- Dean states all organizations have their ups and downs, but things can typically be worked out. Dean expressed that every person that attends these events is another person supporting our businesses. Dean would like to join the chamber but wanted to make sure there would still be a chamber after he joined.
- Ken Walker states his new business has had hundreds of thousands of views on their new page since they posted less than 3 months ago. He states that this, as

well as other member input, could “put our town back on the map”. Ken lived here 30 years ago and said that the town was “rockin” back then and things have changed drastically since then. Chelsey added that the chamber’s job is to talk positively about our community and promote us positively. Ken discussed that an old football coach changed the mentality of sports when he played, simply by believing in the team. Reesa states that getting the young generation needs to be more involved.

- Misty stated that the negative makes its way around in the younger people more than the positive. So, it is our job as members and the board to positively promote our organization. Misty discussed that whatever we decide on, we as the chamber need to cheer it on so the public sees the positivity. Jacqueline states that she was gone for 7 years and chose to come back and help grow these events and businesses. She states that she positively promotes Stockton to her friends and people she talks with, and it impacts their perspective.
- Dean suggests that if we hear negative talk, ask if they are a part of the chamber. If you aren’t, why? What are they doing to help the situation?

Reesa concluded with expressing her thanks to the people who have attended and added their input. Jason states we will meet and regroup next Monday, April 7th at 5:30pm at Stockton City Hall. Kyleigh expressed that meeting information is on our website, Facebook and Facebook events. Dean suggested making a list of meetings so that people can have it in hand to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Financial Report

Stockton Area Chamber of Commerce

Mar 31, 2025

General balance as of Feb 28, 2025

\$24,411.73

Income:

3/6/25	Memberships		\$200.00
3/12/25	Memberships		\$100.00
3/14/25	Memberships		\$200.00
3/31/25	Memberships		\$310.00
Total:			\$810.00

Expenses:

3/25/25	Payton Keller	Payroll +\$33 Internet	\$1,242.90
3/27/25	Jeter Law	Rent 2/28/25- March	\$75.00
3/3/25	Jeter Law	Rent 1/28/25 - Feb	\$75.00
3/31/35	Jeter Law	Rent- April, Pending \$75	
3/11/25	940 Employers Annual	Unemployment Tax 2024	\$99.84
3/25/25	USPS	New chamber certificates- needed mailed	\$3.00
3/12/25	Nex-Tech	Phone Bill	\$25.58
2/10/25	Reds Venue	Drink Tickets- Gala- Pending \$15	
Total			\$1,521.32

Total account balance Mar 31, 2025:

\$23,700.41

Sub Accounts:

Payroll		Payton Keller- from City Of Stockton	\$11,370.30
Fundraising			\$500.00
Office			\$2,553.19
Taxes			\$3,383.99
Event Committees			\$600.00
Mapes & Miller			
Memberships			\$2,930.00
Savings			\$2,362.93
Total			\$23,700.41

Balance in Chamber Check account:

\$4,921.57

Q&A From Town Hall

1. Is the chamber dissolving?

We discussed the idea at the March 3rd Meeting, we had low attendance which prompted the town hall style meeting. We were grateful for the turnout and kind words at the town hall meeting and glad the members wanted a chamber. We do not plan to dissolve at this time.

2. What does the chamber do?

This is a question every board within the last 5 years has been questioned with. Our main purpose is to support the well being of our members. Attached within this meeting packet is a more indepth flyer which we will post and promote more regularly. For many years we have given monetary donations to various entities, we are planning to transition away from that, however the chamber has various goods that can be utilized.

Bylaws: Article X - Chamber Belongings

Section I: Large items owned by the Chamber will be available for rent. Non-members may rent items for \$25 per day per item, plus a \$25 per item deposit, payable at the time of booking. Members are required to pay a \$25 per item deposit at the time of booking, which will be refunded if no damage occurs. (Canopy tents, large games)

Section II: Small items owned by the chamber are available for loan to our members. If the member wishes to use an item as a giveaway for their business or event, and does not plan to return the items, this must be approved in a chamber meeting. (items vary)

Section III: The Executive director will keep track of the scheduling of loaned items and their return from the members. The Executive Director will also be in charge of collecting the fee before the item leaves storage.

3. Can we get more face to face interaction?

We hear you loud and clear, both the board and the director are moving schedules around to be more available face to face. We have rearranged the duties of the director as well to be able to accommodate this request. Remember not all of our members have a storefront, we plan to navigate this as best we can.

4. Could we better keep chamber expenses in the community?

We understand this request and do our best to shop within the community. We try hard to keep it even amongst our members too, but not all members have tangible goods. The passports to Stockton have proven a great incentive for our community members and in 2024 \$10,581.61 was tracked through the program. Attached behind the questions is the annual report of expenses within the community and out of town.

5. Membership Tiers?

This (and the bylaws) was modeled after previous Stockton Chamber years and from surrounding area Chamber's, we reviewed Norton, Phillipsburg, and Hays. We spoke directly with Hays and Phillipsburg. It will be re-evaluated in the summer months.

Bylaws: Article III - Membership

Section I: Membership dues will be determined by the board of directors and may be adjusted periodically. The dues shall follow a rate, schedule or formula set by the board of directors and must be paid annually. No membership in arrears for dues shall be entitled to vote or exercise any other membership privilege, unless there is a special assessment at the board's discretion.

Section II: Memberships must be reviewed over and revoted on by the board yearly. This must take place at the July meeting.

6. Survey Responses

Most responses requested more educational aspects, seminars, speakers, workshops.

7. Olde Tyme Christmas - The committee's answers

- A. Three days - Friday night, Saturday, Sunday Morning - It was noted by the committee that as business owners, committee members, parade participants...some of us a parent, it is hard to do all roles well. It was our sincere hope to help our businesses who also share multiple roles have more options in the event. The Saturday was aimed to be "Master Class" Style, these are on trend, showcasing businesses in a new light. The cookie decorating class and tea party both filled capacity. We tried to have a children's free science workshop with the school and unfortunately it never came together. We did have good feedback from the couple Saturday classes and would encourage this on a larger scale for 2025 with more businesses. Sunday was intended to be another Santa experience with breakfast, our Santa unfortunately had to work his real job haha. Sunday did have the Museum's Fundraiser. We tried to promote more members in a longer time period.
- B. Vendors - We did have an open call out for local member's to have table's along the street during the parade. Within the learning curve we noted that the member's would like to be asked face to face versus an open call out. Saturday's shopping day was the only option for out of town vendors. We circled around the topic of vendors multiple times. During planning it was noted that there was a 3 day vendor event the weekend before in Hill City and a vendor event the weekend after in Stockton, we hoped to combine this in future years. It was the committee's intent to provide something different for 2024 and not focus heavily on vendors.
- C. Drawings - this was looked into by the committee, but the committee did not feel they could man it. We asked a couple entities who previously manned it, but did not ask enough as we see it's important to the community. It has been noted this is an imperative portion to Olde Tyme Christmas.

- D. Horses - The committee was never approached that the horses were standing tradition from the banks.
- E. School (ornaments & soup) - We have had issues here on different levels. We were sad to get a response 2 days before the event for the traditional ornament painting. We also learned we reached out to the wrong person for a soup supper. However, when we called out for food from our member list, the member's stepped up with snacks, beef and noodles, and a taco bar. We had a positive response on the food options Friday Night. The board has removed the school's liaison position and aims to utilize our two At Large Members to attend school meetings (or any community meetings the board feels the need for a chamber presence or request) and liaison on our behalf. This is also in response to create more face to face interaction in the community.
- F. Theme - It was discussed to select dates and themes from the prior committee to allow the Chamber to announce following the completion of the event, allow thank yous to go out on time, and allow members to buy decor on sale for the new theme for the following year. Joining the committee year to year allows you to pick the fun stuff, rather than joining a committee to vote on the theme and then ditching out when the real work starts.

On behalf of the board, we encourage anyone passionate about anything to do with the Chamber to please join the committee. We are here to support our committee's decisions and the time invested to provide an event that is volunteer based. Events will look different this year as the budget is in despair, if you love something let the committee chair know and sponsor it! Events will not be pursued if there are not enough people to man it. For 2025 the Board is requesting attendance, reading emails, and member support. We are striving to create a useful, professional, website that is easy to access and useful to our members <https://www.stocktonschamber.com/>, we have also noted the overwhelming request of face to face interaction.

Expenses Breakdown for Jan. 2024-Jan. 2025										
starting May Income	missing june			Expenses	\$34,348.64					
City of Stockton	Payroll	\$15,000	In Town		\$26,163		Out of Town		\$8,185.70	
Memberships		\$3,200	Events		\$6,586.39		Event		\$2,197.37	
Bingo Concessions		\$199	Reembirshment to Trisha Kriley	PP Slide	\$50		Stiefel Theater	Nutcracker Ballet	\$90.00	
Bingo		\$905	Chamber Checks	Bingo prizes, OTC, Passports	\$1,250		Zazzle	Gala Invites	\$100.90	
StocktonOply		\$20	Dollar General	Bingo/PP/ Office Supplies	\$258.08		Grand True Value	Movie Rental & Dunk Tank	\$833.42	
Garage Sales		\$80	Donation	Sigma Phi Car Show	\$25		Oriental Trading Halloween Parade Supplies		\$35.24	
Pumpkin Patch Shirts		\$25		Car Show	\$500		Hobby Lobby	Baskets for Storage/ Window Paint	\$74.63	
Pumpkin Patch Vendors		\$130	Stockton Pharmacy	Bingo	\$156.57		Amazon	Stickers & Markers for Bingo, Ornaments, Candy Canes, Gala decor	\$193.91	
Pumpkin Patch Gates		\$776	J-mart	Bingo	\$89.94		Walmart	Mini Pies for Pumpkin Patch	\$20.59	
50/50 Raffle		\$67.50	Krob Liquor	Bingo	\$82.80		Bales	Blain Frost	\$750.00	
Pumpkins		\$2,265	Websters	Bingo/ Pumpkin Patch	\$2,952.76		Bingo Baker	Software	\$24.95	
Bales	\$1,134.62		Nova Theater	Bingo	\$42.25		Temu	Gala Decor	\$73.73	
Egg Donations		\$220	Farmers Union	Bingo	\$15.11					
Coupon Books		\$20	Heartland Building Center	Bingo	\$39.26		Ads		\$307.21	
OTC Vendors		\$80	The Daily Grind	Bingo & Gala	\$693.57		Gove County Ads		\$50.00	
			RCFF Pass	Passports - Summer	\$20.60		Plainville Ads		\$132.71	
			LIB Studio	Merch Samples & Stickers	\$99.50		Osborne Ads		\$124.50	
			Coco The Label	Bingo	\$20.00					
			Grimore Glamour	Bingo	\$20.00		Office Supplies		\$1,695.96	
			I'm Stuffed Cupcakes & cookies	Gala	\$84.00		Amazon	Card stocks Paper	\$15.65	
			City of Stockton	Rental	\$50.00		Amazon	Ink	\$170.77	
			Fireline Bistro	Gala	\$75.00		Amazon	Paper Display Stand	\$35.68	
			183 Lanes	Egg Hunt/Bingo	\$61.95		Wix	Website	\$174	
							Walmart	Copy Paper, laminator	\$205.95	
			Ads		\$909.26		Apple	Laptop	\$1,093.91	
			Sentinel Ads		\$909.26					
			Office		\$18,717.29		Taxes		\$4,085.16	
			Post Office		\$218.33		State Of KS	Quarterly Unemployment	\$126.59	
			Ruraltel	Email	\$30		IRS	Quarterly Fed W/H	\$3,356.56	
			Payton	Payroll	\$15,873		KDOR	Quarterly State W/H	\$490.00	
			Internet	Wi-Fi	\$396		KDOL		\$12.01	
			Nextech	Phone	\$281		Secretary of State Annual Report			\$100
			Jeter Law	Rent	\$975					
			Solutions	Accent Brandings Check Paper	\$385					
			Garret Insurance	Insurance	\$559.00					

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- **Get More Customers:** We'll recommend your business to people looking for your products or services.
- **Meet Local Businesses:** Connect with other businesses in the area and build valuable relationships.
- **Stay in the Loop:** Receive newsletters to keep up with local news and opportunities.
- **Celebrate Milestones:** Let us help you mark important moments like ribbon cuttings and grand openings.
- **Stay Updated:** Receive email updates about upcoming events to stay engaged with the community.
- **Get Noticed Online:** We'll feature your business on our website, giving you more visibility.
- **Social Media Boost:** Take advantage of advertising opportunities on our social media platforms.
- **Build Trust:** Associating with the Chamber adds credibility to your business.
- **Hire the Best:** Advertise your job openings on our website and social media to find great talent.
- **Stand Out:** Sponsor Chamber events to get your name out there and be recognized.
- **Give Back:** Volunteer for community events and show your commitment to making a difference.
- **Connect Locally:** Strengthen your ties with the local community and build a positive reputation.
- **Join the Fun:** Attend exclusive Chamber events for networking and good times.
- **Showcase Your Business:** Enjoy spotlights on our platform to showcase your business.
- **Network:** Participate in events designed for making meaningful connections with local businesses.
- **Learn and Grow:** Attend business seminars to stay updated on industry trends and insights.



HWY 24 GARAGE SALES

STOCKTON AREA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MAY 1ST
CHAMBER MEMBERS FREE
NON-CHAMBER MEMBERS \$10
ADS ON MAPS \$15, CHAMBER MEMBERS FREE

JUNE 6TH-8TH

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REGISTER BY GOING TO OUR
WEBSITE AND CLICKING ON THE
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**BEFORE YOU TURN THIS AWAY BECAUSE IT SAYS "GARAGE SALES"
SEE HOW YOUR BUSINESS CAN MAKE THE MOST OF IT:**

- **RETAIL BUSINESSES** CAN HOST AN OPEN HOUSE, A "SPRING INTO SUMMER SALE", A GIVEAWAY, OR SPECIAL PROMOTIONS TO DRAW IN CUSTOMERS.
- **ALL BUSINESS OWNERS** CAN USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR OUT EXTRA INVENTORY OR UNUSED ITEMS BY HOSTING A SALE OF THEIR OWN.
- **NO RETAIL SPACE?** WE CAN INCLUDE A SMALL AD ON THE EVENT MAP, AND IF YOU REACH OUT BEFORE MAY 1ST, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO HELP YOU SECURE A POP-UP LOCATION ALONG HWY 24.



LET'S MAKE HWY 24 A DESTINATION FOR SHOPPING AND COMMUNITY FUN!!

**MORE INFORMATION CAN BE SEEN
ON OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT US:**

WWW.STOCKTONKSchAMBER.COM
STOCKTONKSchAMBER@GMAIL.COM
785-425-8795

Chamber Fundraiser

Window Painting Advertisement

Open to chamber members exclusively til 4/11, then opens to the public
Accepting Ads through April 30th | Runs from June - August | First come, First Serve

If you own a building and would like us to paint the window for summer please contact Payton.

Ads submitted by 4/30 will be DONE for Hwy 24 Garage Sales (June 6-8th)
Businesses will have first dibs on their Ad's sidewalk spot for the Garage Sales

All windows will have a black base | Touch Ups included throughout that time

Spaces \$100 and under are 1-2 colors and mainly text

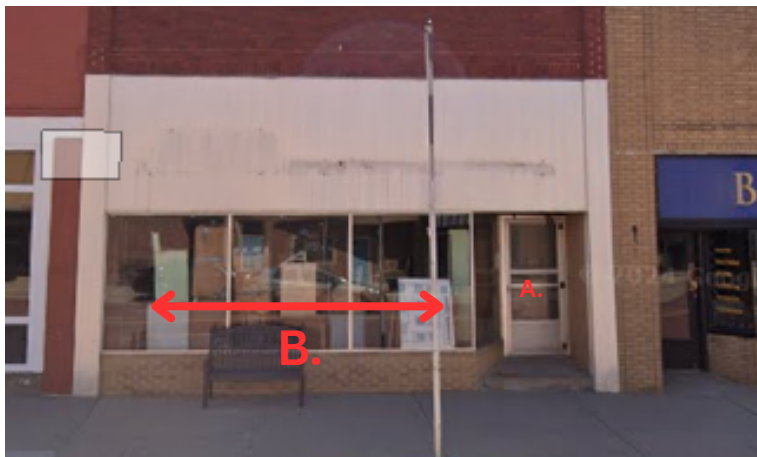
Spaces \$100 and above will have a preapproved design with painter

Painters are Board Members who are volunteers



409 Main St.

A. 4 front facing windows	\$50 ea.
2 windows in entrance way	\$25 ea.
C. 2 door windows	\$50 ea.
D. 1 LARGE window	\$350



417 Main St.

1 window in entranceway	\$25
A. 1 door	\$50
B. 1 LARGE window	\$350

North East Main St.



B. 6 med. windows	\$250 ea.
C. door windows	\$50 ea.
Entranceway windows	\$25 ea.

Examples:



If you or someone you know has a window they'd like to donate for the fundraiser please have them contact Payton Keller, Executive Director (785) 425-8795

Committee Lists

Pumpkin Patch

Looking for another 3 Members

Jason Creighton - Board Member
Reesa Brown
Jana Slansky

Fundraising/Finance

Looking for another 3 Members

Payton - Bylaw Exec. Director Duty
Taigen Kerr - Bylaw Treasurer Duty
Anna Biggs

Olde Tyme Christmas

Ali Imel

Jason Creighton - Board Member
Chris Sanders
Dean Kester
Adam Bryant
Kyleigh Stice

Nominating - (finding empty seat spots, helping fill committees, award nominations)

2nd At Large Member & another 4 committee

- f. Members at Large - The duties of the remaining two board members shall be assigned by the Executive Board as needed. Members at Large represent the Chamber at meetings designated by the board and report back to the Chamber. In the event of a vacant Executive Director position, the Member at Large assumes additional responsibilities, including coordinating speakers, workshops, networking events, and seminars. This position will help in the transition of a new officer when the current officer decides to move on.

Gala

Looking for another 3 Members

Ali Imel
Lisa Gilmore
Payton Keller - Bylaw Exec. Director Duty

Anna Biggs - Bylaw President Duty
Colton Williams

New to 2025

Article VIII - Committees

Section I: The President has the authority to appoint committees, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

Committees may be formed at any meeting, provided they consist of no fewer than three members, including a designated chairman. Committee appointments shall not exceed one year. All committee members must be present at the meeting where the committee is established. The Board will then vote to determine whether the committee is necessary. A board member or Executive Director must sit on each committee.

Section II: Committees may take formal actions within the budget approved by the Board. All committees must submit meeting minutes to the Secretary and/or Executive Director for documentation. Committees are required to attend the July meeting to present their final event plans to the Board. A committee shall be discharged by the Board upon completion of its purpose. Committee members who fail to attend two consecutive meetings will be removed from the committee.

Section III: All insurance costs must be included within the committee's approved budget. If a committee wishes to increase its budget, it must request Board approval by securing a place on the meeting agenda. If a committee anticipates needing a higher budget for the following year, it must notify the Treasurer so the request can be considered during the next budgeting cycle.

Section IV: Before being discharged, all committees must finalize their term by setting dates and themes for the following year. Additionally, committee members must submit any marketing or advertising materials they wish to be published to the Executive Director, who will handle the creation of flyers, ads, and other promotional materials.

Section V: Nominating (pres chair), Fundraising/Finance (exec. chair), and Bylaws (every three years)(pres chair) are mandatory committees. All other committees are at the discretion of the board.

Section VI: Fundraising/Finance committee will be allowed to hold fundraisers within their budget, and do not have to wait until the July meeting to propose fundraisers. They are still required to come to the July committee meeting to review the finance side of the other committees.

Managing our Events... to be ahead of the Game!

