

Florence County Chamber of Commerce B O D
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held on March 18th @ 4:30 pm

Location of Meeting

Steamin' joe coffeehouse

Present at Meeting: Sally Miller, Kym Roff, and Cindy Laux, and Scott Ashe

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Florence County Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 4:30 on March 18th, 2019 by the president Scott Ash

I. Approval of the previous meeting minutes

In a motion by Sally and second by Scott the minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

II. Review and approval of the Treasurer's report

In a motion by Kim R. and second by Sally Miller the current treasurer's report was reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues (committee reports)

1. Beautification:

- a. 12 Flower baskets were ordered from the spread-eagle garden center

2. Membership:

- a. The Florence County Chamber currently has 99 current members.
- b. Sally and Scott called and emailed all those that have not yet renewed.

3. Web site:

- a. we are working with Marla to keep it up to date

4. Face book: N/A

5: Christmas in Florence: N/A

6. Winter fest:

- a. Winterfest was a great success this year

7. Town Rummage Sale:

a. there was much discussion about the possibility of having vendors and a band for the upcoming sale event. We are looking into the cost for a band and will hopefully set it up soon.

IV. Consideration of Old Business

V. Consideration of New Business:

MOTION by:

SECOND by:

VOTE:

VI. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the B O D meeting will be held at 4:30 @ Steamin' Joe coffeehouse on April 22nd

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 by Sally Miller 2nd by Kim Roff

BOD meeting dates are as follows

April 15th

May 20th

June 17th

July 15th

Aug 19th

Sept 16th

Oct 21st

Nov 18th location is at Steamin' joe coffeehouse unless otherwise listed

These minutes respectfully submitted by the Florence chamber secretary Kym Roff

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Date: March 26th 2019	Time: 5:30	Location: N W T C
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Attendees: Kym R, Sally M, Cindy L, Cindy O, Dan and Dian Doll and Wendy G.
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	Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Motion/Action
1	Approve minutes	Approved carried and passed	First: Cindy O Second: Cindy L
2	Approve. treasurer report	Approved carried and passed (NO REPORT AT THIS TIME)	First: Second:
	COMMITTEE REPORTS	(when needed or N/A if not needed)	
	a) Beautification	The Town of Florence has agreed to pay \$500.00 for ½ the cost of the 12 flower baskets that will be put on the lamp posts	First: Second:
	b) Membership	98 members to date A motion was made for the change in renewal dates from Jan- Jan to now renewals dated being June 1 st to July 31 st	First: Dan Doll Second: Cindy L Vote: unanimous/Passed
	c)Website	Businesses are being updated as memberships come in and all non-renewals will be removed	First Second
	d)Facebook	Talked about changing photos more often	First Second
	e) Christmas in Florence 12-07-2019	N/A	First Second
	f) Winterfest 03-02-2019	N/A	First: Second:
	g) Town rummage 06-01-2019	We are discussing the possibility of having a band and vendors at this event.	First Second
5	Other old business		
		Thank you to m bank and Jed (THE LOAN OFFICER FRON M BANK) the guest speaker. He offered a great deal of information on the many different business loans and options available.	
6	New business items		
b)	Motion: Second: Vote:		

7	Correspondences	N/A	
8	Board concerns	N/A	
9	Next meeting		
10	Adjournment	Motion carried and approved	First Kym Second Sally
	Submitted by	Secretary Kim Roff	

Next meeting is May 28th at 5:30 at the wild rivers interpretive center in Florence.

2019 chamber meeting dates are as follows

Jan 22nd @ wild rivers in Florence

Mar 26th @ NWTC in Aurora

May 28th @ wild rivers in Florence

July 23rd @ NWTC in Aurora

Sept 24th @ wild rivers in Florence

Dec 10th holiday celebration location TBD

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Date: May 28th	Time: 5:30PM	Location: Florence Wild Rivers Center
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Attendees: Sally Miller, Todd Roff, Cindy Laux, Scott Ash, Deb Simons, Karen Wertanen, Ben Neihaus, Kay McLain, Sarah Ash, David Braun, Ned

	Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Motion/Action
1	Approve minutes	Approved carried and passed	First: Kym Second: Sally
2	Approve. treasurer report	Balance as of today is \$9100.55. No large expenses coming until July for our storage shed. National Night out will be held in August and we will participate in that.	First: Kym Second: Deb
		(when needed or N/A if not needed)	
	a) Beautification	Baskets will be hung this coming week. The town of Florence donated \$500 toward the flowers.	First: Second:
	b) Membership	98 Members to date	First Second
	c) Website	Sent the rummage sale information to have Marla post on the front page. She will take it down after the 1 st . We still want Marla to manage the pages. If anyone wants changes after the initial set up they will need to pay Marla for her work.	First Second
	d) Facebook	Rick Knepper is supposed to be keeping it up to date. Sally also updates it with current information	First Second
	e) Christmas in Florence	N/A	First Second
	f) Winterfest	Discussion of donations for next year. Rudy V suggested new helmets.	First: Second:
	g) Town rummage June 1st	Announcements are being done on the radio as well as maps being distributed and posted on facebook and the website. Cindy said that moving forward, she would like to see some better communication with the committee members.	First Second
5	Other old business		
		Question was asked how the mining news picks the businesses was brought up. Deb said they go to the website to pick from the current members. We also	

		discussed that the members should be relevant to the area and would like to see newer member chosen to promote instead of businesses outside of our county. The paper's circulation is about 1200 subscribers and there are also online subscriptions. That is what most people are moving toward.	
6	New business items		
7	Correspondences	Note: Florence Historical Society is having their annual Strawberry Social on June 22 nd .	
8	Board concerns	(Note: Meeting email notices will go out to past members as well. It might help to boost membership. Also reminded members that we are going to move our annual dues to July 1 to June 30 of each year instead of having people come up with dues at the first of the year when money is tight.)	
9	Next meeting	July 23rd	NWTC Aurora
10	Adjournment	Motion carried and approved	First Kym Second Scotty A
	Submitted by	Secretary Kim Roff	Approved on
	Guest Speaker- Kay McLain	<p>Florence HS FAB LAB Kay McLain spoke to the group on the FAB LAB</p> <p>The fab lab has equipment, so you can make just about anything. You can make it cheaply, quickly and use it as a prototype lab. The equipment is expensive so learning to use it in the fab lab is a great chance to learn it before buying it. It promotes entrepreneurship. Anyone who is an artist, tinker, etc. It also allows people to be innovative and creative. You can etch on class, cut out metal, and the most often used is the vinyl cutter.</p> <p>Helps the students to become problem solvers. Exposes them to engineering design process. Making, testing and reworking.</p> <p>Communication is one of the most sought after soft skills, according to the advisory council. They look for people who can work in teams. The most important skill is learning from each other. This also helps the community to grow. People can use the equipment to make things for their business if they would like to do so.</p> <p>Open Hours- 4pm to 7pm on Wednesdays during the school year. \$25 a year to use plus materials.</p>	

		<p>\$50 a year for those living outside of the Florence area. Summer- Thursday from 4pm to 7pm</p> <p>There is a person who supervises and can help teach you the software and machinery to get you started. There is a price sheet to help you cost out materials. Equipment includes... 3D printers, Laser engraver, Vinyl cutters to make stickers. Wall stickers. They can do heat press for t-shirts. CNC machine and mini mill. Plasma Cam. Steel cutter. Business donations are always welcome. Some businesses will donate scrap iron, etc.</p>	
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Date: July 24 th	Time: 5:30	Location: Wild Rivers Interpretive Center
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Attendees: Karen W, Scott and Sarah A., Kim and Todd R, Wendy G, Rick and Chris Kneeper, Dan Miller, Dave Gribble, Sally M, Cindy L.

	Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Motion/Action
1	Approve minutes	Approved carried and passed	First: Rick K Second: Sally
2	Approve. treasurer report	Approved carried and passed	First: Kim Second: Rick
		(when needed or N/A if not needed)	
	a) Beautification	Alli the flowers in town were put out in early July. We are looking into more effective ways to water and fertilize but all in all they look good.	First: Second:
	b) Membership	123 members to date	First Second
	c) Website	Rick Will be working on a knot contest. Details will be given as soon as they are available	First Second
	d) Facebook	N/A	First Second
	e) Christmas in Florence	N/A	First Second
	f) Winterfest	N/A	First: Second:
	g) Town rummage June 2 nd	N/A	First Second
5	Other old business		
	a) Guest speakers Dave Gribble and Dan Miller	Dan and Dave each took a moment from there busy schedule to come and speak to us. They each laid out there hopes and plane for the future of Florence county upon being elected.	
	b.) elections	No change in officers or positions currently	
6	New business items		
a)	Motion: Kim R Second: Scott A vote: unanimous	A bill will be paid in the amount of 800.00 to the spread-eagle garden center for the cost of the flower baskets	
b)	Motion: Kim R	200.00 will be given to Wendy G so that we may	



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	Second: Scott A Vote: unanimous	participate in the Connect Communities project.	
7	Correspondences	N/A	
8	Board concerns	N/A	
9	Next meeting	September 25th	Wild rivers
10	Adjournment	Motion carried and approved	First Kym Second Scotty A
	Submitted by	Secretary Kim Roff	Approved on



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Date: September 24, 2019	Time: 5:30PM	Location: Wild Rivers Interpretive Center
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Attendees: Cindy Laux, Kym Roff, Sally Miller, Wendy Gehlhoff (Scott will not attend this meeting) Deb Emond, Ev Vassar, Rick Knepper, Deb Simons, Cindy Olson

Meeting was called to order by: Cindy Laux

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Motion/Action
Approve minutes	NA – did not have the right minutes from last meeting to approve.	First: Second:
Approve. treasurer report		First: Sally Second: Rick
Harvest Festival	September 28 th from 10am to 2pm at NWTC Aurora. Chamber will be providing food.	Request for volunteers.
Christmas in Florence	Discussion Rick & Wendy- Update (committee meeting to follow chamber meeting) Volunteers needed	We need a santa. Motion by Rick and seconded by Deb Emonds to donate \$100 to athletic group to help move the tables Friday night and Saturday
Winterfest	Will be on March 7 th . Wendy will route the sign up genius again.	
Christmas Party	Discussion; December 3 rd at 5:30 at Dina Mia's . Cindy L will confirm and order appetizers.	
Other old business		
Membership renewal date has changed to be July 1	How do we handle new members coming in before that date? Prorate? Discussion	Still up for discussion. Wendy will create a survey monkey with questions about renewal date. Send out postcards that we are changing the membership dates. Discuss group meeting rotations. At a different



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			business every other month?
	New business items		
	Correspondences		
	Member concerns		
	Next meeting	December 10 th – Christmas party TBD	
	Adjournment		First: Second:
	Submitted by	Sally Miller	Approved on