

Florence County Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

MISSION: To promote Florence County and its businesses in order to create an environment beneficial to the growth and prosperity of the entire community

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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