

## **FLORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING:** February 10th 2026

**ATTENDANCE:** Doug Leak, Mike Gill, Chris Thompson, Joe Harris, Stephen Smith, Jason Smith  
Absent: Barbara Schafer, Greg Schafer, William Poe, Julia Williams  
Guest: Timothy Russel - Clay County Republican, Charity Fuehne, Zoey Bridges

**MINUTES:** The January minutes were presented with a motion to approve by Stephen Smith and Seconded by Chris Thompson. Unanimous vote in favor

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The January financials were presented with a motion to approve made by Michael Gill and seconded by William Poe. Unanimous vote in favor

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

We currently are at 175 paid members. Arriel has visited 25 businesses in person already this year. We have 6 paid new members. We have 13 outstanding memberships. - Doug stated that we should contact the businesses that are outstanding. Arriel said she will reach out this week.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Awards Banquet - Arriel started the conversation about how the banquet went well with a few glitches. Michael agreed. Doug stated that there was a small issue with the food running out at the end of the event. Overall everyone agreed that it went well. The committee will meet in August to plan the next awards banquet.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Newsletter** – Deadline for March issue is February 20th. Arriel released the February issue on the 1st.

**B. Ribbon Cuttings** – Axiom Gardens - February 11th 2026 at 1PM - Chris will be covering for me. Chris states she might not be able to cover; Jason Smith and Michael Gill both state they can if she can't. Charm Hair Company - 1 year Anniversary - February 12th 7:00PM; Thats a Wrap Realty, RG Outdoors & Midwest Farm, & Flower Ginny - TBD

**C. 2026 Budget** - Michael Gill began conversation going over the budget and that we took several of the events off the books. Jason Smith suggested an increase in the banquet expense for entertainment. Michael Gill discussed how we ended where we did to best accommodate a \$0 loss or gain year since its a restructuring year, mentioned maybe getting a sponsor for the entertainment. Jason agreed that was a good idea.  
William Poe presented a motion to approve, Seconded by Julia Williams. Unanimous vote in favor.

**D. File Keeping Policy** - Arriel opened the flood with discussion, showed the policy stating that Lemoyne Hardcastle provided as an example. Doug Leak stated to add Historical documents relevant to the chamber to be kept as well. Barbara Schafer made a motion to adopt the policy; Jason Smith seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.  
Mike did mention that for the future to discuss digital back up of files in case we run out of room. Charity mentioned that she does all of her back up files with a dual sided scanner and onedrive.

**E. Downstate Tourism** - Arriel opened the discussion stating that we were discussing whether or not we wanted her to stay on the board for Downstate tourism. Doug Leak added in that we would be needing to pay her for time and travel. Unanimous discussion for not beneficial for chamber to continue. Michael Gill is going to contact the county board to let them know we are no longer interested in continuing the chamber's involvement.

Additional Business:

William Poe brought up doing a townwide video similar to oblongs downstate tourism. Based on everyone's thoughts Doug Leak told William to keep looking into the project and bring it back to us.

William brought up doing a funfest - games, straw maze, arm bands, etc. Minimal cost to the Chamber if anything. Julia suggested that per mandy we have that at the same time as moonlight madness.

**F. Other** –.

Arriel mentioned the wine glasses in the storage and selling them via facebook or country closet. Unanimous vote to do that.

Arriel mentioned that she will need the following days off: February 11th, February 13th for 1.5 hours, and April 6-10th. Also stated that on April 7th She will return to do the job fair that is being hosted at the depot. Michael Gill suggested bringing up closer to time to see if someone can cover the job fair for me.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be March 10th 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chris Thompspon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jason Smith. Meeting adjourned 12:47PM