

Voting members in attendance: Ryan Carpe, Don Hollister, Amy Magnus, Dino Pallotta, Kevin Stokes, Corrie Van Ausdal, Gary Zaremsky

Ex-Officio in attendance: Jeannamarie Cox, Terri Holden, Josue Salmeron

Staff in attendance: Lisa Abel

Invited: Eric Henry, YS News reporter

Excused Absence: Kevin McGruder, Jane Fernandes

1. Call Meeting to Order, Meeting Agenda Review/Approval (Pallotta)

Pallotta called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. No need for executive session today (removed from agenda).

2. President's report (Pallotta)

- a. Street Fair preparations underway, single use plastics legislation tabled for now. Working on logistics especially with music moving to Bryan Center rear parking lot.
- b. Sponsorship – will be meeting with Township and Village.
- c. Dino asked council how YSDC fits with Village. Question tabled to 4/17 council meeting.
- d. Need to circle back to Clifton for membership on YSDC. Be more intentional about our desire to have them at the table; invite someone to brief us from their business community, maybe join as ex-officio or attend our meetings a few times/year.

3. Treasurer's report, 2023 Budget, and dues/invoices (Carpe)

- a. Added fundraising, sponsorships and grants as income lines in budget. Added back-office charges to expenses; combined audit with ongoing accounting expenses. Several expenses are ongoing and we need to break even on those (accounting, legal, website, etc). Not in danger of running out of assets any time soon at this run rate.
- b. Met with YSCF to understand accounting practices, back-office support.
- c. Dues requests sent out.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion: Stokes moved/Van Ausdal seconded adopting the following:

- a. To accept the minutes of the March 7, 2023 YSDC meeting
- b. To accept the Treasurer's report and 2023 Budget as presented at today's meeting
- c. To accept minutes of the March 16, 2023 YSDC executive team meeting

Motion passed with 6 yes votes, Carpe abstained.

5. Staff Report (Abel)

- a. Comments on profile document? None, will be provided to regional partners.
- b. Street Fair volunteers: YSDC will request a one-hour volunteer spot at the beer truck – Lisa will confirm time slot and number of volunteers needed. Street fair music and beer

will be moved to back parking lot and bike path area. More surface area than before but not the same ambiance. Bike path detour to RR St.

- c. Sponsorships: Lodging tax allocation, other local commitments – meetings with local governments will be scheduled.
- d. Website update (Chamber/YSDC): Non-residential listings for lease or purchase will be available on the Chamber website by next week at the latest. Local property owners can request to post and maintain their listings. YSDC website will link to the listings page.

6. New Business

- a. Miami Township (Hollister)
 - i. If there is a theme like value added agriculture that speaks to agricultural side of township economy, they are more likely to make larger contribution to economic development. E.g., truck farming brings in \$1000/acre vs \$300/acre for corn or soybeans.
 - ii. Based on economic pressure, some farmers are talking about selling off land for residential development if the solar project does not proceed. Township zoning is looking at dual use, agri-voltaic to continue to farm where solar is located. Based on comments concerned with this, Terri asked if we are anti-housing development since it will be a missed opportunity if we don't market for housing in township and Village. Need to update township development plan in coordination with both Villages while maintaining a critical mass of farming.
- b. Village of Yellow Springs (Salmeron, Stokes)
 - i. Income tax adjustment passed council vote; communications are being developed for employers. Itinerant vendor fees are now in Village code – 30 days or 1 year registration, will make tax inquiry and enforcement possible. Applies also to Street Fair (Chamber will collect fee as part of vendor sign-up process) and all large events, farmer's market, etc., including vendors who set up on private properties, but not buskers and under age 18. Not intended to discourage vendors from Village. Local businesses are supportive of this.
 - ii. Engaged in Agraria related activities that are moving forward: Bike trail (Mary's Way), composting, climate action program and funding for a coordinator.
 - iii. Fayette County: Honda battery plant will be 15 miles away with 2000 employees. We need to strategize for workers to live here, attractive for housing. Honda targets 15+ miles for supplier locations.
 - iv. With the housing development on Kinney property, Village is updating the concept plan for Glass Farm.
 - v. Federal Inflation Reduction Act: Climate grants to municipalities and states are available Providing up to \$1M to largest municipalities. MVRPC planning to apply; YS is mentioned in the presentation. Funds can be spent locally; state is applying for \$3M.
- c. School Board (Holden, Magnus)
 - i. Continuing facilities work, next listening session tomorrow night (4/5) at Mills Lawn, 6:00 pm. Now at 6 options, down from 8, dropped C2, C4. New enrollment projections are lower (2027-2028 school year), which helps in terms of costs. Participate if you can. OFCC requires LEED silver at minimum.

- ii. Graduation parade Thursday May 25, and graduation ceremony will be held in the high school gym. Graduate banners are underway. April 13 school board meeting with focus on finances in the high school media room.
 - iii. Two emergency levies expiring, may be other operational levies needed. School board is putting together levy schedules.
- d. Antioch College (Stokes)
Reimagining revenue generation from some facilities. Sontag Fels building is available for sale. Who is facilities rep? Jane Fernandes; Lisa will contact.
- e. Chamber of Commerce (Pallotta, Carpe)
See President's report. July 4th – Community-focused afternoon activities at Gaunt Park (new this year), food trucks, dunk tank, live music, speaker, possibly alcohol sales.
- f. Community Foundation (Cox)
- i. It is scholarship season, deadline for applications is 4/15.
 - ii. Volunteer portal support available – if you have activities for volunteers, YSCF can set you up. E.g., Street Fair volunteer management.
 - iii. Emergency loans for people or organizations is still active at YSCU.
 - iv. YS Equity is moving along and a new cohort of 15 starts this summer (applications in May). It is ok to reapply if not selected before.
 - v. YSCF funded a caseworker from Homefull (based in Dayton) to help with unhoused residents (working with Florence Randolph).
- g. Others (Van Ausdal)
- i. Tar Hollow campout, 3rd weekend May. Corrie has email with registration info.
 - ii. Friends' music camp, three weeks this summer at Earlham College.

7. Old Business

- a. School Board/Facility (Holden) – see above
- b. Village Wifi Update (Salmeron)
Milestone: 50 enrollees last week. Installers crossed wires with connections, sorting through this now. This has delayed roll-out. How many businesses? Josue to provide update to Jeannamarie. Communication platform is set up, providing weekly updates.

8. Community Feedback – None

9. Future Agenda Planning (Pallotta)

- a. May board meeting – review at executive session next Thursday (4/13).
- b. Projects in need of advancement
 - i. Tax Overview
- c. Fundraising

10. Meeting Adjournment

Magnus moved, Carpe seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

YSDC Community Feedback and Response Document

#	Mtg Date	From	Question/ Comment	YSDC Response

YSDC Guidance for Community Feedback

1. Any community guest to the meeting must be identified when they arrive (sign in if in person, on-screen name if via Zoom).
2. Community guests are responsible for muting their audio (if Zoom) upon arrival. They are then responsible for unmuting themselves if they want to participate in the community comments session. (Find Zoom training links here: <https://www.yscf.org/zoom-support/>).
3. Community comments session will be identified on the YSCF agenda, which will be made available at YSDC.org prior to scheduled meetings.
4. Community guests must signify their interest in participating in the community comments session when it comes up. Via Zoom, they may raise their hand (action icon) or show a raised hand with video on, or write a note to chat. In person, they may raise their hand.
5. Chair will recognize one speaker at a time. Each speaker gets one 2-minute interval to make a comment or ask a question. Board VP is the timekeeper.
6. Response from YSDC:
 - a. If an immediate and factual response can be provided, and in consideration of time constraints, the board chair or their designee will respond.
 - b. Otherwise, the comment or question, along with a response from YSDC, will be provided as an addendum to the agenda of the next regularly scheduled YSDC meeting.