The mission of the Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote, educate & support a vital business community while enhancing and nurturing the livability and community connectedness of the area.

# **Minutes**

# **Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce**

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS rescheduled MEETING January 16, 2017 4:30 pm at CITY HALL

<u>Current Executive Board Members</u>: President- Kelly Peterson VP- Denita Wisniewski, Secretary- Clara Vancura, Treasurer- Ted Gray

<u>Board Members</u>: John Howard, Todd Ecker, <u>Dave Determan</u>, <u>Peg Churchwell</u>, Andy Otremba, <u>Teresa Sorenson</u> (highlighted names notate present at meeting)

- 1- Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions: motion made for approval by Teresa S., second by Peg C. motion carried
- 3- Approval of Minutes: motion made for approval by Teresa S., second by Kelly P. motion carried
- 4- Approval of Financial Report: motion made for approval by Dave D., second by John H. motion carried
- **5- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members**: <u>Capitol Lien</u> will NOT be rejoining due to the fact that they are not going to have an office in Long Prairie.

Possible members:

Suggestions:

### 6- Director's Report-

Facebook- November/December LIKES 1272= 3 since last meeting, please ask a friend to like our page

Featuring our Own- Mama Marla – NEXT: Senior Center, Chamber Bucks

Publicity/Advertising-

-IDEA: ask Thunder Lodge about advertising - I will ask before the Annual Banquet

#### 7- Old Business

- a. PRAIRIE DAYS Committee meeting after the Annual board meeting on February 13, 2018
  - Car Show, Inflatables, Sound for the Talent Show set... Water show, library activity, soccer game etc still to plan
- b. Membership renewal letters- \$21,000 received
- c. Good Morning Breakfast- at CentraCare, January 18 from 7:30-8:30am
- d. Annual Banquet Who is coming? RSVP, pre-pay and invite a friend!
- e. Email question for Todd Ecker 50% taken care of more to investigate
- f. CTC- signatures and addresses necessary for Authorized Account Reps
  - a. Will be providing internet service for the chamber office.
  - b. Additional board members for authorized account reps will be Dave D. and Denita W.
- g. Credit Card service with US Card Systems Brainerd see attachment.

- a. Consensus of board as too expensive
- h. 501c3- Foundation- I will speak with the MN Chamber of Commerce about the positives and negatives on Thursday.
  - a. Will require another board
  - b. Will have some costs involved, no specific amount known currently
  - c. We are currently considered a 501c6

### 8- New Business

- a. By- laws and Strategic planning- see attached
  - a. Dave D., Peg C., Teresa S. and Clara V. are all interested in hlepin greview the Bylaws at a future committee meeting
  - b. Review of strategic plan and starting to do this again to help report to the board
- **11- Adjourn**: Motion was made to adjourn by Dave D., second by John H., all in favor with adjournment at 5:37PM

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