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

Our Core Values : Promotion of Chamber Businesses, Leadership Development, Proactive Community Leadership, Information Hub

Minutes

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING March 13, 201743 pm at LPGE secondary school

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

<u>Board Members</u>: John Howard, <u>Todd Ecker</u>, Dave Determan, Peg Churchwell, Andy Otremba, <u>Teresa Sorenson</u> (highlighted members indicate present attendance)

Chamber Director: Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst

- 1- Call to Order/Roll Call Meeting called to order at 4:35PM
- 2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions Agenda approved; motion Teresa S., second by Denita W.
- **3- Approval of Minutes** January minutes approved; motion by Todd E., second by Ted G.
 - February minutes approved; motion by Denita W., second by Ted G.
- 4- Approval of Financial Report Financials approved; motion by Clara V., second by Teresa S.
- 5- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members:

New Members: Master Gardeners – local non-profit

Possible members:

Suggestions:

- **6- Tourism Report** none
- **7- EDA Report—Government Report-** City, County, School none
- 8- Presentations Country Cruisers Presentation by Johnny Sarella and Mike Noe
 - -They are looking forward to participating in Prairie Days 2018
- -Changes in way the car show will function, and prizes given to increase participation and provide business's the opportunity to acknowledge beautiful cars in our community
- 9- Director's Report-

Facebook- November/December LIKES 1296= 13 since last meeting, please ask a friend to like our page

Featuring our Own- Senior Center

NEXT: GRRL and then Chamber Bucks

Publicity/Advertising- Next upcoming chamber event in April, Good Morning Long Prairie breakfast/networking event (more details below)

10- Old Business

- a. By- laws and Strategic planning: 2nd meeting February 28, 2018 Article V-VII revised NEXT meeting TBD, review Article VIII through the end, Lu will send out dates.
- b. PRAIRIE DAYS Committee meeting NEEDS TO BE SCHEDULED Suggestions for guests
 - Car Show, Inflatables, Sound for the Talent Show set... Water show, library activity, soccer game, Arts on Main etc. still to plan
- c. Membership renewal \$6,000 still needs to be collected- invoices sent again via email
- d. Good Morning Breakfast- report, Next April 19, 2018
 - a. Continuing search for a host
- e. CTC order agreement- Price down to \$90.71 due to stopping email and web hosting services
- f. 501c3- Foundation- update Clara
 - a. Waiting on cost information. Clara will follow-up.
 - b. MN chamber representative had a positive outlook on setting up a scholarship foundation when visiting
 - c. Will continue to pursue and assess cost, moving forward as able
- g. Job Fair & costs- report
 - a. Went very well
 - b. 60 vendors/employers attended
 - c. Over 100 employees attended
 - d. Multiple applications and interviews were completed
 - e. Thank you to those who made donations in time, food and other items including: LSC Communications, Coborn's Inc, MN National Bank, Advantage One Insurance

11- New Business

- a. Bridges Career Academy
 - a. Website that can be used by school aged, 14-18 years, to find jobs, internships and mentors
 - b. Luan will be visiting businesses to advertise on the website as well as working with school teachers to promote and use this site
- b. Alternative Learning Center career presentations
 - a. Luan is helping coordinate with business leaders to make presentations at school
 - b. Currently have first scheduled with Todd County HR Director
- c. Pots on Main
 - a. Need to reassess this program and the increasing cost/time it takes to water pots
 - b. Recommendations of trying to find volunteers or community members needing to obtain community service hours
- 12- Adjourn motion made by Todd E., to adjourn, second by Denita W. Meeting adjourned at 5:29PM