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 MEETING February 12, 2019 4:30 pm at City Hall

### **Current Executive Board Members:**

President- Clara Vancura VP- Denita Wisniewski, Secretary- Misty Lemke, Treasurer- Ted Gray Board Members:

John Howard, Todd Ecker, Dave Determan, Andy Otremba, Teresa Sorenson

## 1- Call to Order/Roll Call

Members present: Stephanie Och, Ashley Behagg, Todd Ecker, Teresa Sorenson, Lu Brunkhorst, Ted Gray, Clara Faust, Misty Lemke, Taylor Luneman

## 2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions

Motion - Teresa Sorenson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Todd Ecker, Approved

# 3- Approval of Minutes, Financial Report

Approval of Minutes: Motion – Ted Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Teresa Sorenson, Approved Approval of Financial Report: Motion - Ashley Behagg, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Todd Ecker, Approved

# 4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members:

Todd Wadena Electric

**Reynolds Baptist Church** 

Long Prairie Midwives (Ruth, new location)

- Letter sent to: Cenex (North Star Coop), Team 261, Daybreak Foods, Countryside Restaurant, Benning Printing, Sauk Centre Main Street Theater, Prairie Pharmacy, Aksamit Transportation, Bargain Barn, KW Keller Willliams Realty, East West Realty
- Possible members: Head of the Lakes Resort, NEW craft store in town, ARC Electric, St. John Vianny, Pan de Vida, Legend Kutz, 8's Bowling, Christie House, Broz Lumber & Excavating

Suggestions: Voya (Jeff Berg)

#### 5- Tourism Report — OPEN INVITATION: Eric Streed

Eric not in attendance. Lions met with Tourism on helping with concert in the park

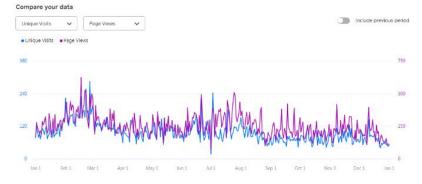
# 6- EDA Report—Government Report- OPEN INVITATION:

City- Dave Venekamp & Jodi Dixon, County- Rick Utech, School- Jon Kringen No reports

## **7- Presentations**— no presentations

# 8- Director's Report-

Facebook-January/February 1645= 64 since last meeting, please ask a friend to like our page



Website: 5,600 Page views, 2,100unique visits in last 30 days

#### 9- Old Business

a. PRAIRIE DAYS May 1 – Jun 2

Meeting with Knights of Columbus, First Baptist, Julie Baum and Chad Bosl to go up and down Central to look at feasible location for tents, bouncy houses etc. Updating map of downtown for Prairie Days. City Council meeting February 19, 2019 at 7pm. Fundraising and more...

b. Good Morning Breakfast- January 17, 2018 at Senior Center – Report

Chandler Industries offered tours

Next: March 21st at AJ Peters office

c. Talent Advantage Series- Set date February 27, 2019 at the LPCC 11:30-1:30 topic:

Hiring Veterans and Workers with Disabilities

- d. Career Advising for LPGE Meeting January 31, 2019 with Rural MN CEP, Chamber and Bart Rud- Report
- e. Fundraiser- Annual Banquet fundraiser: Who can come? Tickets RSVP

TO DO LIST: Collect wood (Lemke's will bring, 2-wheel barrow full, kindling - Lu) & bonfire duty (Tom/Mary Kroll), Marshmallow roasting sticks (Lemke's), Ticket/Welcome table (Denita/Mike and Clara), Mulled Wine & Cider table, Hammerschlagen (Ted)

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2019 5-6 social, 6-6:30 informal presentation and recognition awards.

f. Vote board members in for 2019 - NEW and Incumbent board members

All incumbent board members maintain status until terms run out or the end of 2019. Motion – Ted, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Todd. Approved

Stephanie Och: Motion – Clara, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Teresa, Approved Ashley Behagg: Motion - Clara, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Teresa, Approved Taylor Lunemann: will let us know if he is interested

Barb Neumann is interested,  $2^{nd}$  Tuesday of the month do not work or her. Lu will check with Phil to see if there would be any issues to move meetings to  $3^{rd}$  Tuesday. Ted made a motion to move meetings to the  $3^{rd}$  Tuesday of every month barring no issues with Phil. Ashley  $2^{nd}$ , Approval contingent.

g. Membership renewal - \$20,000 renewal so far

Lu has a list of business yet for renewal, \$7000

h. NEW Computer: 1st: Dell Inspiration Desktop - \$699.00, Dell LED Monitor \$99.00

2<sup>nd</sup>: HP Desktop \$849.00, HP IPS Monitor \$179.00

BOTH: Windows 10, 1920 Resolution

Todd will check with Impact Technologies for options

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b. EDA position discussion, Lu was asked to apply for position. Cost asked \$16000 per year.

Would make position a 40 hour a week position. Some of the things that the Chamber is doing are EDA things now.

## 11- Adjourn

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