Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

SKYPE CONFERENCE CALL due to COVID-19 meeting regulations.

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING March 25, 2020 4:30 pm

Current Executive Board Members

Present: President- Clara Vancura, Secretary- Misty Lemke, Treasurer- Ashley Behagg

Absent: VP- Denita Wisniewski

Board Members

Present: Todd Ecker, Teresa Sorenson, Stephenie Och, Tony Roggenbuck, Barb Neumann

Absent: Dave Determan

Others Present: Rick Utech

MEETING

1- Call to Order/Roll Call

16:35

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions

M: Ashley, S: Stephanie

3- Approval of Minutes, addition, Financial Report

Minutes: M: Todd, S: Teresa

Additions: none

Financial Report: <u>TABLED due to questions below</u> M: Ashley, S: Stephanie EDA has outstanding invoice for Jan/Feb/Mar. EDA is meeting 4/1 Professional fees are up due to Phil attending additional meetings Promotional fees questioned

4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members:

Veda – Translation services

5- Presentations: Rick Utech, Todd County EDA

Deed/SBA information will be placed on website regarding the Covid-19 situation for businesses.

If any small businesses need assistance, please reach out to Rick.

6- Director's Report-

Facebook- Feb/March 2077 2037 = 40 since last meeting, please ask a friend to like our page

Webpage- peaks between March 16-20, 2020

Ashley inquired on posting information on facebook, how to keep businesses engaged and supporting local businesses. Please send any information in regard to best wording/post this to Ashley.

7- Old Business

- a. Long Prairie Apparel thru Benning Printing Endless Ink
- b. Good Morning Breakfast- pending (next is to be 4/16 at city hall? CTC)
- c. Child Care Solutions grant update- LSC Communications building- Design phase

2 meetings were held, in design stage, however, owners are occupied with other items. Cafeteria area is being considered; blueprints need to be drawn on for space refiguration.

d. Welcoming Communities grant- IDI evaluation – Next in May

Update to come after May meeting

e. Upcoming events: Concert in the Park and Prairie Days

\$5000 grant received from 5 wings art council. \$2500 needs to still be raised.

Lions will be donating – undetermined amount.

Mariachi - \$1500?

Dancers - \$200

f. Prairie Days - Fundraising-NEW Fundraising Levels & Advertising

\$8000 donated so far from a variety of sponsors. \$8500 more needs to be raised for current plan.

Inflatables \$3800

Games \$500

Petting Zoo \$400

Dancers \$200

Earlier band - Cline Connection \$500

Mid time band - Pachanga \$1500

Night band - Cory Medina - \$1500

Night band - Switch - \$2650 - deposit paid

Night band - Dos Coronas - \$? deposit paid

City to fund electrical needs? To be determined

Lu will be looking at contracts and numbers in regard to cancelling and such. May need to cut back.

Will need to consider rules and regulations for Crowds and Events as they progress.

Lu will be calling on 2 DJs to get costs.

g. EDA/Chamber position & assistant discussion

Proposed Contract 2020

EDA meeting is scheduled for 4/1. Contract includes assistant costs.

City Council meeting 3/30 and they will be deciding on EDA members

Lu will be calling Ted to confirm information for City Council and EDA meeting participation

8- New Business

a. Minnesota National Bank statement discussion

*Ashley makes a motion to send or email the Minnesota National Bank statement directly to Phil Gould the Chamber's accountant. Second – Barb. All in favor. Motion carried.

9- Adjourn 5:40pm Respectfully Submitted 3/25/2020 Misty Lemke, Secretary

Misty Lemke