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.

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Meeting Date March 10th, 2015 4:30 pm City Hall Council Chambers

Present: President- Tamie Barber, VP- RaeAnn Waytashek, Secretary- Warren Weber, Todd Ecker, Ted Gray, Ryan Jacobson, ,Denita Wisniewski, Peg Churchwell

- 1- Call to Order/Roll Call 4:30
- 2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions?
- 3- Approval of Minutes & Financial Report requires a motion
- **4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members –** Hats Off Coffee new member. REM Central Lakes Group Home.
- 5- Tourism Report Booked 9 concerts this summer. No one responded to request to join Tourism Board.
- 6- EDA Report—Government Reports
 - a. City ALCO building has a few parties interested.
 - Met with new CEO of CentraCare about new medical center.
 - b. County
 - c. School
- **7- Presentations** GEO Caching presented by Sandi Bell Currently 3 caches in LP. 350 caches within 25 miles of LP. Sandi is working on setting up. Looking for \$15 to \$20 a box, plus dog tags for grid coordinates. Also for funding of 2-3 GPS units for people to log out and use.
- 8- Director's Report- Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn

Unfinished business- finished (photos) 8 plaques/certificates delivered and in paper.

New ideas

Email/Mail/Facebook/Website

- Attending 5 Wings Art council
- Monthly radio segment to discuss chamber matters.
- Updated web site to include job listings etc.
- Updated Facebook page
- Emailed reminders of annual banquet and Cinco de Mayo.

9- Old Business

- a. Concert Series Will the Concert Series be something that the Chamber heads and takes as its responsibility? This is very important to LP. Luan will meet with Jeff on a cooperative basis going forward. Don't think we want to commit to taking over 100%. Jeff feels this is something that needs to leave their plate going forward as this is not within their focus of bringing people to town for a day or more. More discussion needed.
- b. Annual Banquet- Emails, Letters/Invitation and Reminders- RSVP, budget for prices?45 people signed up.
- c. Lunch and Learn- MN National has asked to co sponsor a Lunch and Learn on March 31st at MN National Conference Room Bruce Miles present on Increasing Employee Engagement, Productivity, and Accountability- RSVP Resending out e:mail. RaeAnn heard Bruce talk and said he was very good.
- d. Cinco de Mayo- more volunteers needed to assist Henry Rodriguez on May $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$. Sign up sheet for times.

10- New Business

- a. Golf Scramble- Friday June 19th w/ Prairie Fest 9 holes + silent auction. Flag sponsors? Supper at 5:30.
 - b. New Laptop \$160-400.00/ Quickbooks \$10.00 per month per administrator/ Microsoft Office 365 in the cloud \$8.00 /Charter ??/One pay check a month – savings Motion to purchase – Todd/ReaAnn
 - c. Advertising & Supplies Budget
 - d. Scholarship Budget?- Dollars for Scholars and NJPA

11- Adjourn Ryan/Todd

Our Core Values:

- -Promotion of Chamber Businesses
- -Leadership Development
- -Proactive Community Leadership
- -Information Hub