

Minutes of the Chamber Board Meeting July 25, 2018

The noon meeting was called to order by President Scott Millner at Irish Blessings. Board members present were Scott Millner, John Volden, Kathy Hennen, Linda Rassat, Paul Manuel and Nick Pawlenty. Dana Dingmann was absent.

Secretary's Report: Nick Pawlenty read the Minutes from the March 28, 2018 meeting. A motion was made by Paul Manuel and second by John Volden to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hennen reported the Chamber Checking is at \$14,519.96, Gear-Head Checking at \$20,439.19, Ambassador Checking at \$2,590.48, Ambassadors Savings at \$2,501.25 and Lord Abbett Investment at \$24,005.80. A motion was made to accept by Paul Manuel and second by Nick Pawlenty. Motion carried.

Old Business: Kathy Hennen brought up that she had spoken to Jim LaTour for an event speaker. Latour asked what dates the chamber would like Greg Peters to speak and October 3 was chosen with BUCC hosting (Need to switch meeting date with Legion). Topics were discussed but still need to be picked.

The Xcel Poles Restriction was discussed- Kathy Hennen talked with Jerry Sawatzke who was going to give the number of poles that can still be used and other options in hanging Christmas decorations but had not gotten back to her by meeting time. Questions were also brought up about the true nature of the restriction- which is how does it impact local businesses and how can the Chamber help paired with its mission statement. The city will have to be involved in the decision as it impacts the city more than the Chamber. The Christmas Tree was discussed as well and the Board would like to have the same plan as last year, with a tree being put on the empty lot next to the Messenger and decorated with lights. The cost of lights were discussed and would like to see the price from last year lower.

New Business: An insurance document for Twin Cities Fantasy Factory was read through at the meeting, and looked over for any details that may cause problems. The documents looked good, and Paul Manuel was going to follow up with an email to TCFE to make sure everything is current with the document.

A donation to the American Legion was discussed, which was settled with watching how the Legion does in its first round of raffle tickets and donations and discuss an option after a more detailed number was revealed. Donating to the Legion now may cause other businesses discomfort or may cause a "favoritism" stigma with the Chamber.

A Todd Sandin email was brought up about getting more involved with Chamber/city events. An email was sent out to Todd Sandin and Nick Pawlenty will keep him aware of events in town. Pawlenty confirmed with Todd Sandin that he would like to be involved and will continue talking for the future.

A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by John Volden to adjourn the meeting.

Our next meeting will be September 26, 2018, Noon, at Irish Blessings.

Nick Pawlenty, Secretary