

Minutes of the Chamber Board Meeting May 29, 2019

The noon meeting was called to order by President Scott Millner at Irish Blessings. Board members present were Scott Millner, Cathy Elfstrand, Tricia Manuel, Kathy Hennen, Paul Manuel, John Volden and Nick Pawlenty.

Secretary's Report: Nick Pawlenty read the Minutes from the March 27, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Cathy Elfstrand and second by Paul Manuel to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hennen reported the Chamber Checking is at \$16,523.42, Gear-Head Checking at \$15,225.12, Ambassador Checking at \$3,809.30, Ambassadors Savings at \$2,502.96 and Lord Abbett Investment at \$24,336.22. A motion was made to accept by Paul Manuel and second by Nick Pawlenty. Motion carried.

Old Business: The Ambassador's Program seems to be running smoothly as no news has been reported from the group.

A guest speaker was discussed again and when would be the best time for one. Jeff Herr was talked about as a good speaker, along with Rosa Lee Bell who would be able to talk about social media marketing in the work place. Along with this, the board discussed updating their website including putting a proposal together for social media and Facebook. Scott Millner will be working on getting a proposal together. The guest speaker was tentatively talked about for a July meeting.

New Business: The Volunteer Opportunities program in the community park will be hosted May 30 at 5 p.m. by the city and city council member Kirk Larson. Nick Pawlenty will be representing the Chamber in trying to gain some volunteers for Chamber sponsored projects and programs. Nick Pawlenty will also be putting together sign up sheets and Kathy Hennen will be sending an informational packet on the Chamber for hand outs.

An idea was discussed on how to help Chamber businesses and Farmer's Market in Maple Lake. The first option discussed was letting two or three businesses setting up shop along with the Farmer Market vendors and letting them get out in the open for their businesses. Paul Manuel molded that idea into having some of our businesses "sponsor" the Farmer's Market, as in having their name attached with the Farmer's Market in advertising, and in return have a couple people from that business step in to help during that day with the Farmer's Market. This would give both sides a benefit to the event and would help the city with the few volunteers they have for the program. This discussion will continue from the Board to the Chamber meeting on June 5 to have a bigger group discussion and include our businesses in on the conversation for their thoughts and opinions.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Paul Manuel and second by Tricia Manuel to adjourn. Motion carried.

Nick Pawlenty, Secretary