

**Minutes of the Chamber Board Meeting
November 28, 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, Dana Dingmann and Nick Pawlenty.

Secretary's Report: Nick Pawlenty read the Minutes from the September 26, 2018 meeting. A motion was made by Paul Manuel and second by Linda Rassat to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hennen reported the Chamber Checking is at \$12,669.92, Gear-Head Checking at \$15,390.79, Ambassador Checking at \$3,190.48, Ambassadors Savings at \$2,501.75 and Lord Abbett Investment at \$24,088.85. A motion was made to accept by Dana Dingmann and second by Nick Pawlenty. Motion carried.

Old Business: The Ambassador's program chair was discussed first at the meeting. There have been some issues within the program and some changes are seen for the future of the program. Lynn Kissock is currently running the program alone as others on her team have left as the year has passed. Some concerned parents have stepped up to talk about issues with the organization as things have not been communicated properly. The Chamber Board has set aside Thursday December 6 at 5:30 p.m. to sit down with the concerned parents and try to fix the issues. Lynn Kissock has submitted a letter of resignation to the Board and all members have heard that letter. The Ambassador Program may see a change in leadership with Tricia Manuel volunteering to be the liaison representing the Board with the new leadership.

The St. Patrick's Day Festival Chair has been brought up again, with an update that besides having one chair, a committee will be formed to chair the event. Jane Decker, Chris Paumen, Lori Hegle, Andy Wahlquist and Nick Pawlenty have volunteered for the committee. The board will also reach out to businesses who benefit the most from the parade and ask them for help on the committee. Three or four more spots are needed to fill the committee. Volunteers are still needed.

New Board of Directors will be voted into the Chamber Board on Wednesday, December 5. Paul Manuel was elected to stay on the Board, Cathy Elfstrand and Tricia Manuel will be new to the Board this year. Dana Dingmann and Linda Rassat will be leaving the Board this year. We would like to thank them for their service.

The cost of the Christmas tree and lighting for Maple Lake was also discussed and has not received a final statement for payment yet.

New Business: The Chamber Social was discussed to the Board. Different months and days were at the forefront of conversation as to see what would work better to get the most visitors. The board thought it would be appropriate to create a questionnaire and have the Chamber as a whole think what is the best day and month to hold the Chamber Social.

Chamber advertising for the Maple Lake Messenger was discussed and voted upon. A motion was made by Paul Manuel, and second by Scott Millner to continue advertising the same as last year. Nick Pawlenty abstained from voting.

Paul Manuel on behalf of the library brought up the Capital Campaign which benefits the library with all of the costs it has gone through on the new move and refurbish. \$15,000 has already been raised, and Paul Manuel asked the Chamber Board to see if they would like to donate. Paul Manuel then reclused himself from the discussion, leaving the board to discuss. The Board said the Library is an integral part of our community and that a donation would be appropriate. The Board decided to earmark \$3,000 to \$5,000 for a donation and leave it to the rest of the Chamber Members on December 5 to vote on the final sum. A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Dana Dingmann. Motion carried.

John Volden raised the idea of moving to an ultra short bond fund which keeps the Lord Abbot fund very steady within the market. A motion was made by Scott Millner and second by Nick Pawlenty. Motion carried.

A guest speaker was talked about at the meeting. The board looked at March when they could speak at BUCC which would be the best for a speaker. President Scott Millner was looking into getting the speaker.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Dana Dingmann to adjourn. Motion carried.

Nick Pawlenty, Secretary