

## **Minutes of the Chamber Board Meeting September 27, 2019**

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

**Secretary's Report:** Nick Pawlenty read the Minutes from the July 31, 2019 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 \$13,446.60, Gear-Head Checking at \$14,498.54, Ambassador Checking at \$3,368.14, Ambassadors Savings at \$2,503.58 and Lord Abbett Investment at \$24,515.46. A motion was made to accept by Paul Manuel and second by Nick Pawlenty Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Rosalie Bell of Origin Smart Marketing was discussed. Many of the board members thought the presentation lacked information to be taken away by the Chamber. The new website would cost up to \$6,500 in the draw-up Rosalee Bell had given the Chamber. Social media for the Chamber has been lacking and the Board will talk to Kelly Pribyl, who does the Messenger's socials, and see if she would like to help in that process. Nick Pawlenty offered to talk to her.

Paul Manuel did some research and shared with the Board on electronic signage for town. The price is high, ranging anywhere from \$30,000 to \$100,000 in payment for an electronic sign. Paul Manuel could not get a specific price as it varies depending upon what the Chamber/town needs. Also, since the Chamber does not own any land in town, there is an annual fee to the state of Minnesota, which would be \$375 annually, which brings another cost into the equation. The easement for signage would be difficult to find. Talks on the signage is still in its infant stages, but were discussed at length. Paul Manuel also brought up that the wooden signs the Chamber has now look pretty good and will last at least a couple more years. Smaller electronic signs were discussed, as well as the Fire Department being one of the better places to put the sign.

**New Business:** The Chamber Board discussed insurance for the Chamber, with two candidates on the table. Greg Thomes, of Thomes Insurance created a package for the Chamber Board and was thoroughly looked at. The insurance would cover commercial, general and liability insurance for the Chamber. Thomes Insurance was quoted at \$400-600 cheaper than Paul Manuel and Lake Central. Paul Manuel stated that the price is great, but would have to add another \$100-300 to that quote as some items were not brought up in the package. The package also covers a "per occurrence" scenario and does not protect the Chamber from past events, only present litigation. Paul Manuel and Lake Central cover "claims made" which covers an entire timeline for the Chamber. A motion was made to stick with Paul Manuel and Lake Central and second by Nick Pawlenty. Paul Manuel and John Volden recused themselves from voting. Motion passed 3-0. The Chamber Board would like to thank Greg Thomes for offering his services and will keep him in mind for the future.

Ambassador contracts were discussed, as they have been updated after serious issues at the beginning of the season. Rhonda Pagel offered her services to take a look at the contracts and make changes to the contract as she sees legally fit. Rhonda Pagel was quite thorough and methodic and the Chamber is grateful for her help. There were two motions given at this time. One: A motion was made by Paul Manuel to accept the changes and corrections to the contracts given to the Chamber by Rhonda Pagel and was second by Scott Millner. Motion passed 5-0. Two: A motion was made by Paul Manuel to accept the corrections to the resignation letter of Sarah and Evan Larson and second by John Volden. Motion passed 5-0.

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

**Nick Pawlenty, Secretary**