

## **Minutes of the Chamber Board Special Meeting Friday, December 13, 2019**

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

**New Business:** After being advised that the Ambassador program does not have any new senior candidates and having a few Little Ambassadors for this upcoming 2020 year, the board discussed the future of the Ambassador Program. During the past year, the Ambassador Program had been under extreme pressure due to conflict within the program with parents and leaders alike. Tricia Manuel was the first to speak up to come to a resolution on the subject. Manuel said a change in the program would work well, with the program becoming a "Celebrate Maple Lake" group that would include students from the school, such as nominations from different clubs (math, speech, sports teams, etc.). This would help in diversity for the program and include the school as one for the community. These students would represent Maple Lake for the year. The program would limit its number of parades participated in, such as only ones in Wright County and closer, such as Monticello, Buffalo, Annandale Howard Lake or St. Michael. All participants would get a "Celebrate Maple Lake!" t-shirt to wear. The float for our parade would be redone to fit more people and students for our St. Patrick's Day parade. Our St. Patrick's Day parade would still have invites for our visiting royalty that come very year and have a fun luncheon where children will be invited to meet the visiting royalty and student group. The purpose of the St. Patrick's Day parade and festival is to celebrate our community and it would include our youth and other diverse parts of Maple Lake we would like to honor during this time. A call was made to Alyssa Miller, one of the head chairs for the Ambassador program to discuss the new program. She was interested in taking over as the leader for the group, including she gets more information on the subject. The Board agreed to move forward tentatively with the new program, under the circumstances that Tricia Manuel follow up with the school and Alyssa Miller from the Ambassador Program.

Kathy Hennen brought up the purchase of a laptop for the next Treasurer (and future Treasurers) to keep all finances and recording on one laptop specifically for the Treasurer's position. Nick Pawlenty made a motion to approve the purchase of a laptop after some research to find the best deal and situation for a laptop. Cathy Elfstrand seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Cathy Elfstrand and second by Nick Pawlenty to adjourn. Motion carried.

**Nick Pawlenty, Secretary**