

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Millner at noon on February 6, 2019 at Madigan's. Introductions were made. There were 21 businesses present. Current membership is at 70.

Secretary's Report by Nick Pawlenty: A motion was made by Cathy Elfstrand and second by Mike Zieska to approve the minutes of the January 2nd meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hennen: Balances in the following accounts were read as follows: General account \$16,624.76, Gear-Head account \$13,108.43, Lord Abbett Investment \$24,086.65, Ambassador checking \$5,108.48 and Ambassador Savings \$2,502.36. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Marc Well Nagel and second by Mark Dvorak. Motion carried.

Government Report by Elizabeth Borell: City Clerk, LeeAnn Yager, will be retiring at the end of March. The City, with the help of David Brown Associates, is in the process of hiring a City Administrator to fill the position.

The Farmer's Market is in jeopardy of being a thing of the past. The City is hoping to form a Farmer's Market Committee, so the responsibility doesn't fall on one person. Anyone who is interested in either heading the committee or being on the committee please contact City Hall. The Farmer's Market is scheduled to open in May so the sooner the committee is in place the better.

City Staff is busy preparing for the upcoming annual audit.

School Report by Mark Redemske: The Elementary school is in the midst of "I love to read" month and have been participating in reading oriented tasks at school.

The weather has been difficult for the school- whether it has been cold or snow, it has been difficult for school operations. On Monday February 4, they had to switch to burning oil for the heat in the school. Some parts of the school have been very cold.

A roofing project planned for the summer and should be finished this year.

February 18-22 is School Board Recognition Week, and the board should be recognized for their efforts.

February 27 is Bus Driver Appreciation Week- drivers will be celebrated during that time.

Tiffany Grube and Celeste Dahlstrom did not report

Committee Reports: The Ambassador Program was reported on by Nick Pawlenty as Tricia Manuel was sick. Two candidates have been selected, and a new item to the program is the Littles, which are younger girls and boys. With the Littles, they have five candidates, four girls and one boy. Doreen and the Committee have done a nice job with the program so far since the change in leadership.

The Irish Party was reported by Cathy Elfstrand. They have entertainment lined up with Sami Dare, a renowned hypnotist for the evening. The Irish Party is still looking for volunteers or help with any items, such as basket stuffing or set up that morning. Letters and tickets will be sent for the event soon.

Nick Pawlenty reported on the St. Patrick's Day committee, and wanted to thank Chris Paumen, Jane Decker, Amy Keller and Dana Minder for being a great help with the event so far. The event is on track, with announcers, singer and some vendors lined up. The parade registration forms are flying in as well, with more to come in the future. Everything is on track and will report more at next meeting.

The Craft Sale was reported by Kathy Hennen. She said Betty Gordon has filled all spots for vendors during that day, a first for this early.

Old Business: The Chamber Social went well, with over twenty businesses attending, and multiple people per one business. Monica and the American Legion was thanked for their hard work with the event and the amazing food.

People were reminded of the guest speaker on opioids at BUCC next Chamber meeting.

New Business:

Grand Marshal and Commodore awards will be selected at a special meeting following this meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mark Redemske and second by Mike Zieska to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nick Pawlenty, Secretary

Our next noon meeting is March 6, at Bethlehem United Church of Christ.