

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Millner at noon on March 6, 2019 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ. Introductions were made. There were 18 businesses present. Current membership is at 75.

Secretary's Report by Nick Pawlenty: A motion was made by Mark Redemske and second by Marc Well Nagel to approve the minutes of the February 6 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hennen: Balances in the following accounts were read as follows: General account \$18,097.24, Gear-Head account \$12,181.00, Lord Abbett Investment \$24,086.65, Ambassador checking \$5,673.77 and Ambassador Savings \$2,502.36. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by John Volden and second by Caleb Haag. Motion carried.

Government Report by Elizabeth Borell: MnDOT will be hosting an open house regarding the upcoming 2019 Highway 55 project on April 1 from 4-7 p.m. at the V by HH.

The city will be busy clearing sidewalks and streets in preparation for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.
The City Audit starts next week.

School Report by Mark Redemske: Wright Tech will be hosting an open house on March 11.

The POPS concert will be held on March 11 at the High School.

Last week was Bus Driver Appreciation week and this week is Paraprofessionals Week.

Snow days have pushed the school year back to the 3rd or 4th of June.

Celeste Dahlstrom: The Blood Drive went well with 60 units being the goal and they achieved 65 units this year.

Committee Reports:

Irish Party- The party is going well and going according to plan, even with snow moving in that night. Sami Dare will be the entertainment and they are still looking for more basket gifts and help for the event.

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival- Everything is going well with the parade, with 80 floats registered so far. There will be a petting zoo, craft sale, coronation, brunch, food, parade, and other fun things happening in town. Nick Pawlenty thanked Dana Minder, Amy Keller, Chris Paumen and Jane Decker for all their hard work. They will have a report after March 16.

Gear-Head Get Together- They are ready this year! Everything has been taken care of early and they have brochures to give away detailing the event. Music has been set up and the main concern is the HWY 55 project which may shut down the highway and the baseball tournament going on that weekend as well. They will have to move the swap meet to help the tournament.

Ambassadors-The Princess Ball was not well attended with 16 people showing up. They will have to review the event for next year.

Old Business: The Grand Marshal is Irene Hudek and the commodore's award goes to Lynn Kissock..

New Business:

Chamber member of the year goes to Nick Pawlenty and the Chamber business of the year goes to the Maple Lake Library.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Cathy Elfstrand and second by Denise Blizil to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nick Pawlenty, Secretary

Our next noon meeting is April 3, at Madigan's