

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
General Meeting Minutes
January 8th 2020 | 12:00pm

Meeting was called to order by President John Volden at 12:10 pm on January 8, 2020 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Maple Lake. Introductions were made. There were 17 businesses present. 20 paid members as of today.

Secretary's Report by Nick Pawlenty: A motion was made by John Rivers and second by Paul Manuel to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hennen: Balances in the following accounts were read as follows: General account \$7,388.11, Gearhead account \$13,502.66, Lord Abbett Investment \$27,659.52, Ambassador checking \$5,517.36 and Ambassador Savings \$2,504.85. Kathy did note that these balances did not include Quarter 4 interest. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Cathy Elfstrand and second by Linda Rassat. Motion carried.

Government Report: There will be an Open House for the water main project held next Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 at 7:00pm. The city has a new accountant starting next Wednesday, January 15th, 2020. City Hall will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 20th, 2020.

School Report:

Mark Redemske: School will be wrapping up the semester on January 20th, 2020. Mark spoke of the upcoming renovations to the High School auditorium including new seats. There will be a total of 351 seats when the renovation is complete. Renovations will begin the week of Spring break. Chamber member Tricia Manuel suggested selling the old chairs. Mark also talked about the possibility of putting solar panels on the school. Post Prom will be holding a breakfast at The V on January 19th, 2020.

Committee Reports:

Irish Party: Irish Party will be held on Saturday, March 7th, 2020. First committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 13th, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the Legion. Committee members need help with decorating, menu and entertainment. Contact Linda Rassat for details.

St. Pat's Day Parade: Parade will be held Saturday, March 14th, 2020. Chairs are currently looking for committee members that could possibly do heavy lifting – such as setting up tents. Contact Nick Pawlenty for details.

New Business: President John Volden welcomed new Board members. A motion was made by John Volden and second by Cathy Elfstrand to approve Candice Zimmermann to take on the Board position of Secretary for a two year term. A motion was made by Cathy Elfstrand and second by Paul Manuel to approve Kathy Hennen as interim Treasurer until the transition to new Treasurer, Mikayla Bursch has been made.

Tricia Manuel led a discussion concerning the new direction of the Maple Lake Ambassadors. Due to low attendance and interest, the committee has decided to change focus to be more inclusive of the whole student body and call the program "Celebrate Maple Lake". There was discussion from other members of the Chamber that shared concerns with this new approach including how it affected current Ambassadors. Members of the Lion Club also shared how this may affect their sponsorship. The Ambassadors representatives assured the Chamber that youth could still participate in parades and other Ambassador programs would still be invited and encouraged to attend the Maple Lake parade.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Nick Pawlenty and second by Tricia Manuel to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

Candice Zimmermann, Secretary

Our next noon meeting is February 5 at Maple Lake Bowl.