

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Millner at noon on October 2nd, 2019 at the American Legion. Introductions were made. There were 15 businesses present. Current membership is at 78.

Secretary's Report by Nick Pawlenty: A motion was made by Mark Redemske and second by Paul Manuel to approve the minutes of the September 4 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hennen: Balances in the following accounts were read as follows: General account \$13,446.60, Gear-Head account \$14,498.54, Lord Abbett Investment \$24,515.46, Ambassador checking \$3,368.14 and Ambassador Savings \$2,503.58. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Mark Well Nagel and second by Cathy Elfstrand. Motion carried.

Government Report: Sabrina Hille reported that Congress and Marie will be completed at the end of October, which has been delayed due to a lot of rainfall. There will be Community Park upgrades in 2020. There is an airport survey and airport committee looking for input and will meet three times for upgrades to the airport. There will be a drug take back October 26th at City Hall. Anyone with any expired or not used medication can drop them off at City Hall to be discarded by professionals. Sabrina Hille wanted to say thank you to our Manufacturers for Manufacturer's Week Sept. 30-Oct. 4th.

School Report:

Mark Redemske: Homecoming Week is happening over at the school- Aiden Staloch and Katie Goelz were selected as King and Queen of Homecoming. The roof is very close to be finished up, with some issues such as water leaking into the building being resolved. The damage to the school was roughly \$72,000. The school may start an "E-Learning Day" when there is a snow day, so that students could keep up at home. The school has started selling a lot more breakfasts, which in turn brings in more money to the school breakfast and lunch program. This year starts a collective bargaining year for faculty and leaders at the school, which helps with health insurance, etc. Mark Redemske announced his retirement at the end of this year from the superintendent position at Maple Lake.

Tiffany Grube: The adult programs and education is going well, with Community Education giving adults opportunities to learn. Preschool in Maple Lake is full up and moving forward. They may have to hire additional staff to take on more. Community Education is looking for 3-6th grade basketball teams/players and also looking for any younger students who would like to join a cheerleading squad.

Committee Reports:

Business Trick or Treat: The Business Trick or Treat is in the process of solidifying venues for Halloween day, with many businesses already getting involved. An email will be sent out after the meeting to inform all of our members that if they would like their business to participate to reach out to Rhonda Pagel. Advertising in the Messenger on October 16th will list all businesses participating.

Fall Craft Sale: Betty Gordon who runs the Fall Craft Sale reported that spots are going fast for the event, and if anyone would like to participate that they should reach out to her immediately. The event will be November 9th, 2019.

Christmas in Maple Lake: Cathy Elfstrand said she would like someone to volunteer to help out with Christmas in Maple Lake. Amanda Oaks volunteered to help chair the event with Cathy Elfstrand.

New Business: Paul Manuel discussed new electronic signage for town. While still in its infant stages, they would replace the finger signs at the edge of town. The cost is high, with it being anywhere from \$30,000 to \$100,000 in cost, but talks of even smaller signs may be the way to go. Since the Chamber does not own any land, easements would have to be discussed as well as an annual fee of \$375 to the state would have to be covered. The Fire Department was discussed as being a good place for the sign(s).

Elections for the Chamber Board are coming up, with vacancies in the Vice President and Treasurer chairs. Members were called upon to have people volunteer for those positions. Elections will be discussed at next meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jeff Rivers and second by Linda Rassat to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nick Pawlenty, Secretary

Our next noon meeting is November 6 at The V by HH.