

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President John Volden at noon on November 6 2019 at The V. Introductions were made. There were 17 businesses present. Current membership is at 78.

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

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hennen: Balances in the following accounts were read as follows: General account \$11,005.19, Gear-Head account \$14,298.54, Lord Abbett Investment \$24,659.52, Ambassador checking \$4,407.14 and Ambassador Savings \$2,504.22. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Rhonda Pagel and second by Mike Zieska. Motion carried.

Government Report: There is a community survey for City of Maple Lake goals and priorities which can be found on the Maple Lake City website. Liquor licenses for 2020 are in the renewal process. The 2020 budget is in process, Truth and Taxation hearing will be December 3rd. There will be new community park equipment for 2020, which the city received a grant for. City Hall will be closed on Monday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

School Report:

Mark Redemske: School has wrapped up its first quarter of the year. Teachers Steve Fuchs, Amy Kosloski, J McClelland and Eric Meyer were honored at the Leadership in Excellence award ceremony for the roles as leaders at the school. Fall sports have ended at the school, with theatre beginning plays in the next month. There will be an event at the school for Veterans Day with guest speaker Les Rasset. Next year's beginning school date will be very late, on September 7. If that is the case the projected end date will be June 4.

Celeste Dahlstrom: Chamber Thanksgiving coloring contests have gone out to the schools with winners being picked at a later date and sent to Kathy Hennen for them to pick up. March 5 there will be a job fair for 9-12 grade students, with 60-70 speakers signed up to speak to students. There will be three sessions at 35 minutes long. May 6 will be the mock crash at the school which happens every four years. They are looking for volunteers for the event.

Committee Reports:

Business Trick or Treat: The business trick or treat was a success this year. There were an estimated 200+ children at the event, with Marc Well Nagel reporting 160 at the trunk or treat event. Discussed was a map for some of the outlying businesses for next year.

Fall Craft Sale: The event is scheduled for November 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All slots have been filled and the event is looking good for Saturday.

Christmas in Maple Lake: The event is still looking for volunteers. Cathy Elfstrand said some great ideas have been discussed such as a cookie decorating station. Nick Pawlenty will talk to Todd Sandin of the Wright County Sheriff's office to see if any Sheriffs would like to take part in the event.

Old Business: The Vice President and Treasurer chairs for the Chamber are open and will be voted on at the next meeting in December for the 2020 year. The Secretary will be open if someone would like to take that chair and Nick Pawlenty would take the Vice President position. The Chamber is looking for volunteers to fill these positions.

New Business: Tricia Manuel spoke on behalf of the purchase and lighting of Christmas trees in Maple Lake. This would include a tree and lights in the open lot near 218 Division Street and the Community Park tree would be decorated with lights. Deb Geyen and Tricia Manuel spoke to Paul Wurm who was willing to give the same deal of \$100 for a tree at his tree farm. A motion was made by Marc Well Nagel and second by Tricia Manuel for the proposed budget of up to \$800. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Cathy Elfstrand and second by Marc Well Nagel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nick Pawlenty, Secretary

Our next noon meeting is December 4 at Madigans.