

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Millner at noon on November 7, 2018 at Madigan's. Introductions were made. There were 24 businesses present. Current membership is at 81.

Secretary's Report by Nick Pawlenty: A motion was made by Denise Blizil and second by Mike Zieska to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hennen: Balances in the following accounts were read as follows: General account \$12,637.50, Gear-Head account \$15,821.79, Lord Abbett Investment \$24,088.85, Ambassador checking \$2,965.48 and Ambassador Savings \$2,501.75. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Linda Rassat and second by Paul Manuel. Motion carried.

Government Report by LeeAnn Yager: The city congratulated the unofficial winners - Mayor Todd Borell and Council members Deb Geyen and Kristen Logas. Of 1201 registered voters we had 814 voters with 87 being new registrations, with a 67.78% turn out.

The council approved adding Mini-Storage as a conditional use in the light industry zoning district.

The council approved the purchase of a permanent Christmas tree located behind the sign in the community park and to run power to it - an addition to the one on the city lot at Birch & Division.

School Report by Mark Redemske: 1st quarter is done at the school and moving along nicely. There were some teachers who accepted awards at the Leadership in Excellence conference, and we're proud of the Maple Lake award winners. Three candidates for school board were voted into the school board on November 6.

Celeste Dahlstrom: Coloring contest was well on its way for the school- three different categories were available for the contest. Businesses will receive the entries to be placed and shown for the public.

Committee Reports: The Business Trick or Treat was a success with 25 businesses participating. The Wright County Sheriffs were new to the event with them being located in the American Legion parking lot. It was estimated that 210-250 children came out to participate.

The Craft Sale had almost all of its entries in place, with a few still being filled.

Christmas in Maple Lake is coming up on December 1. The event should have around 125 people visiting Santa and Mrs. Claus. More volunteers are needed for the event. The event is hoping the Lions will donate to the event (\$750 last year.). Star Bank has also graciously donated a DVD player to give away during the event. More help is needed for the event.

The St. Patrick's Day Chair has still not been filled- a committee may be put in place to handle the event for the 2019 season.

New Business: Non-Officer Directors are up for election for the Board of Directors for 2019-2020. Linda Rassat nominated Cathy Elfstrand for one position and Tricia Manuel volunteered for another position. Paul Manuel would like to stay on as a director. They will be voted in at the next meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Natalie McClory and second by Tricia Manuel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Our next noon meeting is December 5th, at the American Legion