

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Millner at noon on December 5, 2018 at the American Legion. Introductions were made. There were 19 businesses present. Current membership is at 81.

Secretary's Report by Nick Pawlenty: A motion was made by Mark Redemske and second by Paul Manuel to approve the minutes of the November 7th meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hennen: Balances in the following accounts were read as follows: General account \$10,760.01, Gear-Head account \$15,290.79, Lord Abbett Investment \$24,088.85, Ambassador checking \$3,415.48 and Ambassador Savings \$2,501.75. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Greg Thomes. Motion carried.

Government Report by LeeAnn Yager: The city council approved the 2019 budget and levy. The two went up 6% from last year.

There are new owners of the Maple Lake Bowl. Pat Hurley has purchased the property with Russ Butterfield and will keep the building as is, opening tentatively January 1. They are from Northstar Search and Rescue.

Jerry Sawatzke negotiated a great deal with the Christmas tree lighting this year as Community Lawn Service put many large logs into the compost site, which took maintenance a good portion of a day to clear. Community Lawn Care did have to string more lights and their bill was supposed to be \$700, but instead the invoice received was for \$60.00.

Maple Lake is part of a group of cities that formed a joint partners agreement with other Wright County cities in forming Wright County Area Transportation (WCAT) to provide public transportation in the area after the RiverRider service ended. Wright County is now going to be taking the place of the WCAT Board, so the city will be withdrawing from the WCAT Board.

School Report by Mark Redemske: Mark Redemske informed the Chamber that the school levy is in the works, with the levy down 3.28% from last year.

There will be a legislative forum January 2 for all schools to get together to discuss the future and education of MN. One issue they are seeing is that with a larger population in a school district it is easier to pay for each pupil at the school. With Maple Lake, we do not have a very high population, leaving a high charge for each pupil at the school for residents to pay. Three goals were discussed- 1. Academic achievement. 2. Financial stability. 3. Facility needs and repairs.

Celeste Dahlstrom: Wrapping up the coloring contest and Christmas Concerts for the holiday season.

Tiffany Grube: Registration is still open until Dec. 17. Feb. 11 will be first day of registration for preschool, ages 3-5 years old.

Committee Reports: The Maple Lake Craft Sale was down a bit from last year, but had more in revenue by \$300, due to table rentals being a little higher in cost.

Christmas in Maple Lake went well, with the total amount being down from last year. It was well advertised and a big thank you went out to the volunteers involved. The leftover gift bags were donated as well.

St. Patrick's Day is still looking for volunteers to create a committee. Rhonda Pagel gave the idea of sending the check list for the event to all chamber members.

Gear-Head is gearing up for a big season. With the State baseball tournament being hosted the same weekend, they have found a new home for the swap meet and have booked the entertainment for the 2019 year.

Old Business: Tricia Manuel and Cathy Elfstrand were voted in along with incumbent Paul Manuel to serve on the board of directors. A motion was made by Mark Redemske and second by Lorie Hegle to vote them in. Motion passed.

New Business: A vote on how much money should be donated to the Library (\$3,000, \$4,000 or \$5,000) was given to members. Majority voted for \$5,000. Chamber will donate \$5,000 to the library.

A vote was taken on some options for the Chamber Social. Which month to host it was a tie, which the Chamber had the last say which they picked January. Thursday was voted the best day to have the event and a special (drink, food, etc.) was the majority vote.

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

Our next noon meeting is January 2, at The V by HH.