

The noon meeting was called to order by President John Volden on August 5, 2020 at the Maple Lake Bowl. Introductions were made. There were 15 Chamber businesses present. Current membership is at 76.

**Secretary's report by Cathy Elfstrand:** A motion was made by Paul Manuel and second by Nick Pawlenty to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2020 meeting.

**Treasurer's report by Kathy Hennen:** We have \$13,495.84 in our general account, Lord Abbett investment is at \$30,534.91, Gear-head checking \$9,035.81 and the Ambassador checking shows \$1,423.80. A motion was made by Paul Manuel and second by Mike Rowe to approve the treasurer's report.

**Government report by Sabrina Hille:** City EDA is working on a Forgivable Loan program for local businesses in Maple Lake affected by Covid-19. Oak Avenue should be finished within the next two weeks. Truth in Taxation will be December 1<sup>st</sup>. State Primary Election is August 11<sup>th</sup>. Candidacy filing for City Council positions will close on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**School report by Mike Rowe:** Solar panels cover the roof offering a great savings. New front doors have been installed. Because of Covid-19, Football and Volley Ball will be played in March-May. The School will plan to open with grades K-8 students in the classroom every day and Grades 9-12 students in the classroom on a rotating, every-other day basis.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Gear-Head Get-together:** Scott Chantland said the event has been cancelled but Old Town Creamery will have their open house on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. They will have a band and some antique cars may show up.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Board positions:** Kathy Hennen made a motion with a second by Jeff Rivers to have interim Secretary Cathy Elfstrand remain as the Secretary until the end of the term and Dana Minder will fill Cathy's position on the Board. Motion carried.

**Masks:** The State of Minnesota's Chamber office has distributed paper masks to all the Chambers to distribute to their businesses.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Craft Sale:** After some discussion it was decided that if Betty Gordon would agree to chair the event again on November 14<sup>th</sup> that she would send out the notices with the Covid-19 rules and see if she would get crafters to attend.

**Wright County Economic Dev.** Jolene Foss said they are creating a grant for a forgivable loan program for businesses with less than 50 employees. They must be registered with the Secretary of State to apply. More information will come at a later date.

A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Nick Pawlenty to adjourn the meeting.

Our next meeting will be held at noon on September 2, 2020 at Madigan's.

Cathy Elfstrand, Chamber Secretary