

**Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.**

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Millner at noon on September 5, 2018 at The V by HH. Introductions were made. There were 22 businesses present. Current membership is at 81.

**Secretary's Report by Nick Pawlenty:** A motion was made by Linda Rassat and second by John Volden 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 \$13,536.86, Gear-Head account \$16,455.29, Lord Abbett Investment \$24,005.80, Ambassador checking \$2,525.48 and Ambassador Savings \$2,501.25. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by John Volden and second by Denise Blizil. Motion carried.

**Government Report by LeeAnn Yager:** The new roundabout has been working well for Maple Lake, keeping the flow of the five-way going smooth. At the primary election there was a 30% turn out. Candidates are as follows- Mayor: Lynn Kissock and Todd Borell. Council: Incumbent Deb Geyen, Kristen Logas and Amy Morris. There will be upgrades to the Bolduan park bathroom, making it handicap accessible. Sheriff Joe Haggerty and Captain Dan Anselment gave an annual update to the council at their last meeting. Some of the highlights included:

- The city has contracted with the county since 1983 at 8 hours a day.
  - Crime levels remain low mostly due to the fact that residents are good at calling in suspicious activity and other tips.
  - A demonstration of a computer program called Crimeview they are using that helps them analyze where crimes are being committed and the time as it helps them know where and when they should have officers present.
  - Currently, the text to 911 calls are being routed to Mille Lacs and then to Wright County but will soon go to Wright County directly. Wright County is the highest user of the text to 911 system in Central MN.
- Wine Club will be happening September 12 at the American Legion; there will also be a wine pull- if you buy at MLWS, get 10% off. The money will go to the Library Fundraiser October 6.

**School Report by Mark Redemske:** The school has hired ten new teachers for the school year, four of them being special education. Redemske also mentioned the fact that it is getting harder and harder to find teachers. The open house at school was well attended and many students were acquainted with the building and their teachers. Star Bank threw it's 16<sup>th</sup> annual luncheon for staff at the school. It was well attended and was an opportunity to introduce the new teachers at school.

The school is down one student from Spring of last year, staying steady. Over the summer the school had some projects: The north parking lot was repaved, new carpet was put in Ben Youngs room and the high school office. An anonymous donor donated close to \$35,000 to repaint the gymnasiums at the school and also donated an extra \$25,000 for new scoreboards as well. Pierz will be leaving the Central Minnesota Conference and Royalton will be joining the conference competitively next year (2019-20). Celeste Dahlstrom brought up Volunteer training for the school September 17. The school is also looking for golf cart drivers for football games to help cart individuals in need.

**Gear-Head by Scott Chantland:** Reviews have been great about the 2018 Gear-Head Get Together. There was an estimated 1000 cars involved. Big thanks went out to the community, chamber, Knights of Columbus and Lions Club.

**Business Trick or Treat:** The chair for the Business Trick or Treat was filled after Rhonda Pagel volunteered to take over for Paul Manuel- Marilyn Groth also volunteered to help out with the event.

**Old Business:** The video for Maple Lake was brought up and agreed to start shooting for next year. A two-minute video will be produced, along with 30 second sub videos for particular parts of the city (IE: school, library, ETC). Mark Redemske offered to be a part of the task force to keep the ball rolling.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mark Redemske and second by John Volden to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Our next noon meeting is October 3, 2018 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ.**