

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Millner at noon on March 7, 2018 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ.

Introductions were made. There were 18 businesses present.

Secretary's Report by Nick Pawlenty: A motion was made by Marc Well Nagel and second by Paul Manuel to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hennen: Kathy Hennen was not present, read by Scott Millner. The Chamber Checking was at \$16,898.17. The Gear-Head Checking was at \$15,841.30. The Ambassador Checking was at \$5,401.30 and Ambassador's Savings was at \$3,000.16. The Lord Abbett Funds was at \$21,009.80. Motion to approve by Cathy Elfstrand and second by Denise Blizil.

Government Report by LeeAnn Yager: The Council and School Board met a week ago and discussed school safety and changes there could be in the legislation. The School would like to see their Resource Officer increased from 3 days/week to 5 days/week. They talked about financial status, Equity in Education, taxes, eliminating the tennis court, and ways the city and school can support each other better. The council held a workshop last night and reviewed a utility rate study and what that might mean for utility rates and how more development could help. They heard from a representative of First Children's Finance and the need for access to quality child care and the effect that can have on businesses with employee absence because of daycare situations. The Council is putting the final touches on the Chicken Ordinance that should be adopted in April.

School Report by Mark Redemske: School safety was the topic of last week's discussion, with Tom Kelly and Senator Bruce Anderson. The school will also be meeting with Representative Marion O'Neill. The Monticello hockey team, which included two students from Maple Lake, went to state but lost in their first game in the tournament. The school is on the doorstep of State testing and the school is preparing students for the test. Mark also mentioned filling one summer maintenance position at the school as well.

Celeste Dahlstrom: 4th annual blood drive was a huge success. She thanked the Irish Mentors who volunteered and everyone who came in to donate blood at the event.

Old Business: The Farmer's Market trailer donated from John Rivers was being lettered and would be in the parade on March 17. They are looking for a new chair for for this year's Farmer's Market. Christmas tree update: there will be a board approval to see what they would like to do for next year's Christmas tree and future Christmas' as well.

New Business: Linda Rassat was gathering all the goodies for St. Patrick's Day and the Irish Party. Irene Hudek wanted to thank everyone who had donated money or volunteered their time to help in this year's St. Patrick's Day festivities. Scott Chantland and John Rivers discussed the progress of Gear-Head Get Together which they say is going ahead smoothly. Bands and food have been booked and a BMX stunt team will also be at the event. Both men were grateful for the support of everyone in the community.

Comments: New members were introduced from The Jane Goodall Center and Wright Tech Center. The chamber was pleased to have them at the meeting.

Adjournment: M/S Cathy Elfstrand / Celeste Dahlstrom to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Our next meeting is April 4, 2018, noon, at Madigan's.