

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

The noon meeting was called to order by President, John Volden on October 7, 2020 at The “V by HH. There were 15 businesses present. Current membership is at 76.

Secretary’s report by Cathy Elfstrand: A motion was made by Linda Rassat and second by Kathy Hennen to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer’s report by Kathy Hennen: We have \$12,947.34 in our general account, Lord Abbett Investment is at \$30,534.91, Gear-head checking \$8,815.81 and the Ambassador checking shows \$1,423.80. A motion was made by Nick Pawlenty and second by Denise Blizil to approve the treasurer’s report.

Government report submitted by Sabrina Hille: The General Election is Tuesday, November 3rd. Absentee ballots can be requested from the Secretary of States website, or you can vote at Wright County Government Center now. The 5th Street Drain Tile Improvement Project will begin next week. The new compost site is open with access cards required. Cards are available at City Hall or you can apply for a card on the City Website.

School report by Mike Rowe: The track resurfacing and solar panel projects are complete. Both Football and Volleyball started this week. Fans will be able to stream the events live. Mike brought an idea to the members suggesting an “Adopt a Teacher/classroom program.”. With the extra work from the distance learning, it would be a fun way to give encouragement and support to the teachers from the businesses. Call Mike if you would like to participate

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Business Trick or Treat: Rhonda Pagel said the event will be on Friday, October 30th from 3:00–5:00 p.m. It was suggested that the businesses should follow the CDC recommendations and possibly giving out treats outside and making sidewalks one-way to help with congestion. Please contact Rhonda if you would like to participate.

Christmas in Maple Lake: Cathy Elfstrand reported the event will be held on Saturday, December 5th. Because of covid-19 rules the event will have some new fun changes.

Thanksgiving Coloring Contest: Celeste Dahlstrom will hang the pictures in the downtown businesses.

Comments: Mona Volden from the Buffalo Hospital said there will be a “Bring drugs back” drop off on October 24th at the Monticello Community Center. The Buffalo PD also has a drop off site.

Nick Pawlenty from the Messenger office said they will be celebrating their 125th year in business. Harold Brutlag has been with the Messenger for 50 years.

Cathy Elfstrand, Mgr. of Maple Manor spoke of the Senior Housing located in Maple Lake.

Scott Chantland of Old Town Creamery is looking for historic pictures of Maple Lake.

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

Our next noon meeting will be held at the Legion on November 4, 2020.

Cathy Elfstrand, Chamber Secretary