

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

The noon meeting was called to order by President John Volden on November 4, 2020 at the Legion. Introductions were made. There were 13 voting members present. Current membership is 77 with our newest member Sunfish Dental.

Secretary's report by Cathy Elfstrand: A motion was made by Nick Pawlenty and second by Rhonda Pagel to approve the minutes from our October 7, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer's report by Kathy Hennen: Balances in the following accounts were read as follows, general account \$14,346.14, Investment \$30,611.54, and Gear-head account \$8,815.81. The Ambassador account was closed. A motion was made by Cathy Elfstrand and second by Caleb Haag to approve the Treasurer's report.

Government report submitted by Sabrina Hille: The Election results will not be final until November 12th. Election work will be continuing for the remainder of the year. The City Budget presentation will be December 1st. City Council is identifying 2021 Street Construction Projects.

School report by Mike Rowe: School Board Election results show three current and two new members to the Board. The girls Cross country team were CMC Conference Champs. The track project is completed and painted. Money from the Cares Act was able to purchase Chromebooks for the students and staff. Covid numbers showed 5 staff and 4 students 0.9% of School population. If you are interested in adopting a Teacher or classroom email Mike Rowe or send info to Nick Pawlenty. The Truth & Taxation hearing will be December 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Committee reports:

Business Trick or Treat by Rhonda Pagel: The event was held on Friday, October 30th from 3:00-5:00 p.m., with 18 businesses participating. Rhonda said she had about 225 trick or treaters. The event went very well with everyone using the Covid-19 regulations.

Thanksgiving Coloring Contest: Celeste Dahlstrom said the Irish Mentors will be delivering the "Thanksgiving coloring contest" pictures to the businesses to place in their windows. She also said the Mentors will be working on gift food boxes for families in need.

Christmas in Maple Lake: Cathy Elfstrand reported the event will be different this year because of the Covid-19 regulations. The event will be held in the downtown Maple Lake area on Saturday, December 5th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Santa will be sitting in a sleigh with the children standing next to him. Parents will be taking the pictures of their children and Santa. New this year will be two genuine live reindeer in a free-standing pen. Any children ages 1- 12 will receive a balloon and a gift bag with a special treat. Notices will go home with the students in the take home packets and advertised in the Maple Lake Messenger.

New Business: Discussion was given to decide the amount which the Chamber will donate for the purchase and lighting of a Christmas tree and lights at the downtown lot and community park. A motion was made by Rhonda Pagel and second by Nick Pawlenty for a donation of up to \$800.00. The motion was approved unanimously. Greg Thomas said the Maple Lake Lake Property Owners Fishing contest will be held on February 6, 2021.

A motion was made by Lynne Lahr and second by Kathy Hennen to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Our next meeting will be held at noon, December 2, 2020 at the Maple Lake Bowl.

Cathy Elfstrand, Secretary