

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Meeting was called to order by Treasurer Kathy Hennen (President Scott Millner was absent) at noon on July 11, 2018 at Bethlehem UCC. Introductions were made. There were 17 businesses present.

Secretary's Report by Nick Pawlenty: A motion was made by Cathy Elfstrand and second by Paul Manuel to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hennen: Balances in the following accounts were read as follows: General account \$14,249.96, Gear-Head account \$19,765.01, Lord Abbett Investment \$23,923.60, Ambassador checking \$3,605.04 and Ambassador Savings \$2,501.25. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Mark Redemske and second by Marilyn Groth. Motion carried.

Government Report by LeeAnn Yager: Scott Chantland was presented with a check for \$58,630.00 from the City's Revolving Loan Fund for improvements to his building at 46 Birch Ave South. Scott and the Mayor posed for a picture with the "big check." The roundabout project is in full swing – project is due for completion at the end of July or first week in August. The city is moving forward with a TIF District workforce housing project for a 12 unit apartment building and will be holding a public hearing next Tuesday. We've received the blessing from the County and School District on the project. Mark Davis with SWTV has accepted another position and will be leaving. Mark is the one that helps with the Movies on Birch, St. Patrick's Day Parade and Coronation.

School Report by Mark Redemske: All positions for teachers besides one has been filled for the upcoming year. The school's health insurance has gone up by 30% besides the school's good usage of its coverage. A donation was received from an anonymous source to paint and fix both gyms and buy new scoreboards for each gym (Elementary / High School). Six teams went to state for Maple Lake – four won the top title of state champions. All four teams that made it had every player have a GPA of 3.75 or higher, meaning each team works hard off and on the playing field. Maple Lake was invited to the Granite Ridge Conference (average students is 500 per school- Maple Lake averages 250 students) and a meeting will be held to see if the school will join. During the summer they have picked a couple of classrooms to redo flooring and the back parking lot (old part) will be resurfaced soon. The solar panels installed are doing very well- on really sunny days the meter is running backwards. The school has an opportunity to install more in the future. The school also applied for a Safety Grant, which is competitive but hopefully Maple Lake will receive it.

Gear-head by Scott Chantland: Scott Chantland and John Rivers were not present to give an update.

Old Business: The new banners have been hung downtown replacing the old ones.

New Business: Harold Brutlag representing the American Legion was there to discuss raffle ticket sales for the new remodel of the kitchen at the Legion. The first round should bring them around \$7,500. There will be another fundraiser to raise the rest of the money. The AC at the Legion is also leaking and must be fixed or replaced. Brutlag also talked about the declining numbers of members to the VFW and the American Legion due in part of a lack of respect for younger soldiers. He also said that they would accept any donations from the chamber or other corporations.

Tricia Manuel brought up that the chamber should be prepping for the Xcel pole restriction and the Christmas light situation in Maple Lake. The Chamber Board and City Council should have a conversation about the situation sooner than later.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Paul Manuel and second by Marilyn Groth to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Our next noon meeting is August 1, 2018 at Madigan's.