

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Millner at noon on August 1, 2018 at Madigan's. Introductions were made. There were 18 businesses present. Current membership is at 81.

**Secretary's Report by Nick Pawlenty:** A motion was made by Denise Blizil and second by Mark Redemske 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 \$14,574.96, Gear-Head account \$20,368.64, Lord Abbett Investment \$24,005.80, Ambassador checking \$2,590.48 and Ambassador Savings \$2,501.25. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Paul Manuel and second by Nick Pawlenty. Motion carried.

**Government Report by LeeAnn Yager:** Primary Election Day will be held August 14, 2018 for the Mayoral and two council positions available for 2018-2019. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The filing period for council positions started July 31 and will run through August 14 until 5 p.m. There will also be a slight change as Ipads will be used for the voting.

The roundabout was supposed to be completed August 6, but has been pushed back due to conflicts with the gas lines and the date is now August 13. The pipe work along CR 8 is almost complete and the final shaping and seeding should be done within a week.

A complaint of elevator dust in town has been checked by the Pollution Control Agency. The agency was out on July 19, 2018 and they did see evidence of dust. They are determining if permitting requirements will be necessary. The elevator will change to bin sweeps instead of a grain vacuum.

**School Report by Mark Redemske:** The school recently lost a SLP (Speech Language Pathologist) and will be trying to fill the position before school starts up. All other positions have been filled. The gymnasiums at the school have been painted and floors were in the midst of remodeling. The parking lot in the back of the school off County Road 37 and should be finished within a week. The school has chosen not to participate in the Granite Ridge Conference as the schools participating are double that of Maple Lake. The school is eligible for 20 more watts of solar panels and the school will be looking into it. Community Education has planned for a playground to be built for the preschool. A mention of a professional video to be done for the school and town has been shelved as downtown is under construction and the weather will be turning.

**Gear-head by Scott Chantland:** Scott Chantland gave a report that their "ducks are in a row" and everything is going according to plan. There will be new billboards put in before the event for Gear-Head and they have received donated parking signs which they will use during the event.

**Old Business:** The Christmas tree and lights were discussed and many are in favor of repeating last year. A break on the price for lights will be sought out before an official answer will be given.

**New Business:** On October 3 the meeting will be at the Bethlehem UCC instead of the American Legion for guest speaker, Greg Peters. Topics were asked about at the meeting, and some ideas were given. Retention/hiring, exiting employee and small regulations in the workplace were offered. The Board will make a decision at the next meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Cathy Elfstrand and second by John Volden to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Our next noon meeting is September 5, 2018 at The V by HH.**