

Minutes of the Chamber Board Meeting January 31, 2018

The 9 a.m. meeting was called to order by president Scott Millner at Irish Blessings. Board members present were Kathy Hennen, Linda Rassat, John Volden and Nick Pawlenty. Paul Manuel and Dana Dingmann were absent.

Secretary's Report: Nick P. read the minutes from the November 29, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Linda Rassat to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy H. reported we have \$10,784.12 in our general fund; Gear-Head Get Together showed \$14,078.37 and the Lord Abbett investment account is at \$21,009.80. Ambassador checking is at \$3,502.10 and they have \$3,000.16 in savings. A motion was made by Linda Rassat and second by Nick Pawlenty to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Irish party is right around the corner, Kathy H. has tickets ready to go and will be mailing them out in the following days. Scott M. was asked to speak at the party along with potential hosts Mark Redemske and Natalie McClory. Volunteers are needed to help with baskets and prepping for the day of the event.

St. Patrick's Day was discussed. Irene Hudek is chairing the event with the help of Chris Paumen and Lorie Hegle. Donated money thus far is at \$3,250.00. We will need a new chair to replace Irene Hudek next year.

The Chamber Social went well, with around the same number of guests as last year. There were a couple of new faces to the event. The chamber board will decide on the next Chamber Social in November of this year to plan the date of next year's social after bringing it up at the November 7 regular chamber meeting for input from the members.

Christmas tree update: the bill for the lights was a total of 429.50 for this year alone. A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Linda Rassat to pay the bill in full, with discussion of talking to Carefree Lawn as they are chamber members about cutting a deal for the lights next year.

New Business:

The chamber by-laws will be discussed at the next board meeting for any changes.

Membership update: As of the chamber board meeting, 65 members have paid before the Feb. 1st cut off.

Nominations for Commodore and Grand Marshal were discussed. The board came up with John Northenscold as Grand Marshal and Paul Schmidt for the Commodore's Award. No final decision was made as an email will be sent out to missing members of the board to vote on the two positions.

Advertising budget: Everything will be staying relatively the same. The only thing that stuck out was low vendor attendance at the chamber fall craft sale.

The budget for the chamber has also been doing well, and a motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Linda Rassat to move another \$3,000.00 to the Lord Abbett fund or consider moving some money into a COD account at a steady 1.5 interest rate. John Volden abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nick Pawlenty and second by Linda Rassat to adjourn the meeting.

Our next meeting will be March 28, 2018 at Irish Blessings.

Nick Pawlenty, Secretary