

Minutes of the Chamber Board Meeting March 28, 2018

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

Secretary's Report: Scott Millner read the Minutes from the January 31, 2018 meeting. A motion was made by John Volden and second by Kathy Hennen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hennen reported the Chamber Checking is at \$23,453.48, Gear-Head Checking at \$16,296.86, Ambassador Checking at \$2,736.81, Ambassadors Savings at \$2,500.16 and Lord Abbett Investment at \$21,009.80. A motion was made to accept by Dana Dingmann and second by Nick Pawlenty. Motion carried.

Old Business: The board discussed options on the Christmas tree for Maple Lake. Tricia Manuel had given some prices for purchasing a tree to plant in Ladybug Park. The only problem with the location discussed was the visual of the tree. It would be hidden and hard to see by passer bys. The board was still deciding if Ladybug Park or doing another non-permanent tree was the best for the city's interest. The best idea was to have someone get behind the idea and help organize the tree in a non-permanent fashion every year. For now, the board decided to find out what other cities do for setting up and arranging their Christmas trees.

An issue was brought to the board's attention pertaining to St. Pat's day and the parade route. Deb Geyen (through a message with Scott Millner) had mentioned that some of the residents could not reach their residence due to the parade route and floats in the way. This may cause dangerous situations and a nuisance to the community along the parade route. The board came up with the idea of having more people or security travelling the parade route making sure none of the residents are blocked in. Lord Abbett funds in the form of \$3,000 have not yet been moved from our checking.

New Business: Board insurance will be paid if under \$1,500 with next bill. The downtown banners will have to be replaced as they are getting old and worn out. There will be some updates to some images on the banners, with help from the Messenger and their archived photos. Decisions will be made in the future on which pictures will stay or go. A motion was made to update the banners from Scott Millner and second by John Volden.

A motion was made by Dana Dingmann and second by Kathy Hennen to adjourn the meeting. Our next meeting will be May 30, 2018 at Irish Blessings.

Nick Pawlenty, Secretary