

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

The noon meeting was called to order by President, Chris Paumen on January 4, 2017 at Madigan's.

Introductions were made. Current membership is at 89. (2017 dues are \$110.00 if paid by 2/1/2017. After February 1st the cost will be \$125.00). There were 21 businesses present.

Secretary's report by Cathy Elfstrand: A motion was made by Tricia Manuel and second by Linda Rasset to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2016 meeting.

Treasurer's report: Kathy Hennen reported we have \$5,956.39 in our Chamber checking. Gear Head account has a balance of \$2,500.55 and our investment account has \$20,692.18. M/S Paul Manuel/John Volden to approve the Treasurers report.

Government report by LeeAnn Yager: Heather Kadlec and Kirk Larson were sworn in for 4 year terms on the City Council along with reelected Mayor Lynn Kissock for a 2 year term. There will be an open house on January 12th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. to honor John Northenscold for his 30 years on the council. The council approved the conditional use permit amendment for the C & W Spinning expansion. 1st street will be blocked off at Pleasant St. and Co Rd 8 until repairs are made in the spring.

School report: Mark Redemske said that Arnie Michalicek is retiring from the 30 plus years on the School Board. He will be presented with a state honor at the 2016 Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership conference in Minneapolis.

Chamber sponsored event report:

St Patrick's parade report was given as follows: Sponsorship letters will be mailed this week. The Parade registration is posted on the City and Chamber websites, or you can contact Chairperson Irene Hudek. Vicki and Sam at the Messenger will be making and handling all button sales. Sargent Brian Johnson will take care of the security at the parade. Jane Decker will be taking care of the Veterans. They are in need of volunteers on the day of the parade for handing out parade flyers, escorting the Aquatenial Celebrities back to the judge's stand and one more person to help with announcing. Irene said one more person on the committee would be very helpful.

New Business:

Maple Lake Development committee: Tricia Manuel asked the Chamber if they would be receptive to have the committee research the businesses to promote small business Saturday in connection with the Chamber Christmas in Maple Lake event. The group will bring some ideas back to the Chamber at a later date.

Maple Lake Ambassadors: Lynn Kissock said they have 6 candidates this year. It will be their 40th anniversary and they will be inviting the past royalty to return. The Ambassadors will be hosting the Princess party on February 11th from 3:00-5:00 at the school. Registration will be done by Community Ed.

Comments: The 42nd annual fishing derby will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 on Maple Lake from noon until 3:00. New items will be added this year. All the money raised goes back to the lake restoration.

Business spotlight: Vincent Hylla from the Annandale Monument Co spoke of his business which has been in the family since 1977. They also have 13 years experience in granite countertops fabrication and installation. Call them at 888-786-5100 for more information.

Adjournment: M/S Tricia Manuel/Lynn Kissock to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at the "V by HH".

Cathy Elfstrand, Chamber Secretary