

**Long Prairie Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting
January 5, 2010
4:30 pm City Hall**

1. Call To Order

President Becky Hillig called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

2. Roll Call

Board Present: Mica Carlson, Toni Tebben, Kathleen Nauber, Denita Wisniewski, Joe Krueger, John Rachuy, Allan Ulbricht, Andrew Brown, Becky Hillig, Mark Poegel.

Board Absent: Mike Wolters, Mary Schmidt, Roseann Hummel, LP Hospital, Dennis Breitenfeldt.

Others: Gerry Ruda, Don Rasmussen, Jon Kringen.

3. Approval of the minutes and financial report.

Toni made the motion to approve the minutes, Kathy seconded the motion, motion carried.

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4. Contract Signing.

Andrew made the motion to approve Lyle Danielson's and Julie Baum's contract for 2010, Toni seconded the motion, motion carried.

5. Ambassador Report.

Nothing to report.

6. EDA Report.

Julie stated that the EDA board set the lease rates for the new incubator building, \$3.50 a square foot for the 1st year, \$4.00 for the next, and \$4.50 for the third year with yearly renewals after 3 years. Hoping to do an open house of the building in spring. Don mentioned that it might be possible to do the chamber meeting in February in the building; staff will let everyone know of this possible change.

7. Tourism Report.

Julie presented a proposal by the tourism board. They are asking the chamber for assistance in planning and running the Art in the Park program. This might include selling of ads, setting up of the book, booking concert acts, and helping host on the Thursday nights. Julie is to call Vicki regarding the businesses that they sell ads to, will do an email campaign first. Julie also mentioned that it may be possible for other organizations to assist on the evening of the events. Submit a proposal to the LP Leader about selling the ads themselves for a 5% profit on each ad. Julie will present these ideas at the next Tourism meeting.

8. Healthy Communities Committee.

- Broadband Committee: 2 people attended the annual broadband conference in Duluth. There is a meeting on January 14th in Little Falls regarding collaboration for Todd, Morrison and Mille Lacs Counties.

- Trails: The Active Living by Design group will be here on January 14th to do a walk through of our community. This meeting will involve 2-3 people only, the committee and community will meet in February on this.
- Community Gardens: Sign has been made and will be place on site this spring. There is going to be a Master Gardeners program in March for the community to learn more about gardening.

9. Government Reports.

- City, Don Rasmussen: Airport building is now completed, possibly hosting a fly in pancake breakfast this spring. The pollution that was detected by the cleaners on Main Street is still causing some problems, there will be a meeting next week with the owners of the buildings downtown to discuss the next steps. The city is looking at a 2 million water/sewer project for 4th street from north to south and the hospital road. Public meetings will be held regarding these improvements.
- County, Gerry Ruda: Last Tuesday night adopted the budget. The county board has also been reorganized; Dave Kircher will be the chair, Mark Blessing co-chair. The county is also reformulating the Todd County Development Corporation; a 15 member committee is being formed to do this project. The commissioners will also be reviewing ordinances in February. The Central Motor pool has been set up and a central purchasing system is being looked at.
- School, Jon Kringen: The board has finalized the tax levy decrease. The school board is also now paperless, everything can be viewed online and the board can assess the information and print if they want. The board will also be re-organized at its next meeting.

10. Nomination of Board Member.

Julie brought forth a name to be submitted to sit on the board. Rebecca Best of Central Lakes College. Kathy made the motion to accept the nomination of Rebecca for a 3 year term, Allan seconded the motion, motion carried.

11. New Business.

Julie mentioned that the Rotary President, along with Allan from the board, have discussed hosting a organizational meeting in January with all the Presidents, and Vice Presidents of the community organizations to see if we can all work together on some items, possibly do this 4 times a year. Julie will keep the board informed on the progress of this.

Don mentioned that he and Lyle are working together on the Battle of the Businesses bowling fundraiser.

12. Adjourn.

Toni made the motion to adjourn, John seconded the motion, motion carried.