

**Long Prairie Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 1, 2008  
4:30 pm City Hall**

**1. Call to Order**

President Cecil Foote called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Board Present: Pat Aho, Toni Tebben, Mike Wolters, Mary Schmidt, Roseann Werner, Kathleen Nauber, Denita Wisniewski, Cecil Foote, Dennis Breitenfeldt, John Rachuy, Anita Rademacher, Joe Krueger.

Board Absent: Dale Gimbel, Becky Hillig, Mark Poegel.

Staff: Julie Baum, Lyle Danielson

Guests: Pastor Andrew Brown

**3. Approval of the March 4, 2008 meeting minutes.**

Pat made the motion to approve, Toni seconded the motion, motion carried.

**4. Approval of the financial report.**

Kathy made the motion to approve, Pat seconded the motion, motion carried.

**5. Ambassador Committee: Mary Schmidt**

Visits to do are Prairie Motors (New Owner), Paul Petrek Law (New Location), MN National Bank (New Owner), Custom Mortgage Services (1<sup>st</sup> Dollar).

**6. EDA Report: Lyle Danielson**

Dennis Breitenfeldt is a new member of the EDA board. No report on the incubator building and if we received the grant, there are a couple of interested businesses in the building. Don and Lyle went a meeting in Wadena regarding renewable fuels, learned a lot and will keep everyone informed on the progress of this potential plant. EDA Board is still working on the marketing plan for the community, downtown buildings that are available. Have sent out several marketing brochures to out of town businesses. Have updated the website as well to include the brochure online.

**7. Project Reports: Julie Baum**

- Administrative Professional luncheon is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Country Club. Parties Plus will be serving. Joe once again reminded the group that all licenses need to current. Stated that they also need a commercial kitchen license. Julie will work on that item tomorrow, if cannot be worked out the location of the luncheon will need to be moved.

- Prairie Fest. Currently looking for many volunteers for the 4 days, Julie will bring a sign up sheet with her to the May meeting. Grand Marshals for the parade have been chosen, buttons will be available May 1 at \$10, and this price does include some discounts at businesses as well as a reduction in admission costs.
- Community Center. Surveys have been returned. Good comments and favorable responses, group will be moving forward with plans and also to involve more of the community in the planning process. 64% of the surveys returned were favorable.

## **8. Old Business**

- Template for individual websites of the members that do not have any has been developed. Julie and the designer are tweaking to make it work properly.
- The Business Management Network committee will be meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 1 pm at MN National Bank, this group is for owners and managers interested in education and networking. Toni and Julie encouraged everyone to attend.
- Maximum Impact is April 18<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church, 130 people are registered so far.

## **9. New Business**

None

## **10. Adjourn**

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

5:10 pm