

**Long Prairie Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 6, 2008  
4:30 pm City Hall**

**1. Call To Order**

Vice President Dennis Breitenfeldt called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Board Present: Pat Aho, Mike Wolters, Roseann Werner, Kathleen Nauber, Dale Gimbel, Denita Wisniewski, Dennis Breitenfeldt, Anita Rademacher, Joe Krueger, Mark Poegel.

Board Absent: Toni Tebben, Mary Schmidt, Cecil Foote, John Rachuy, Becky Hillig.

Staff: Julie Baum, Lyle Danielson

Guests: Sarah Libbon, Gary Brown, Don Rasmussen.

**3. Approval of the April 1, 2008 meeting minutes.**

Mike made the motion to approve, Joe seconded the motion, motion carried.

**4. Approval of the Financial Report.**

Lyle's computer needed repairs, also made the deposit on the buttons for Prairie Fest, will receive a check back from Prairie Fest. Kathleen made the motion to approve, Pat seconded the motion, motion carried.

**5. Gary Brown, Long Prairie Leader.**

Gary was in attendance at the meeting to ask the chamber to once again support sending the Leader and B section to the resorts on Lake Osakis from Memorial Day to Labor Day. 70 papers were distributed in 2007. Joe made the motion to approve and pay for the newspapers to be delivered, Mark seconded the motion, motion carried.

**6. Sarah Libbon, CentraCare Health Foundation.**

Sarah introduced herself to everyone and described her new role with the CentraCare system. She has been hired to enhance the foundation as well as to find donors and offer grants. If anyone has any questions, they are to call her. Sarah also invited everyone to the golf tournament for the foundation.

**7. Tim and Linda Dally, Pre-Paid Legal Services**

Due to a death in the family they will be rescheduled for June.

### **8. Tourism: Don Rasmussen**

The commission met on Monday evening, excited to report that all the entertainment is booked for Thursday Night in the Park, they do need volunteers in the community to help at the events. In August a fly in of Veterans are coming to view the Wall, Christie House, etc. 2 groups of vets will be coming another time, 1 bus in July.

### **9. EDA: Lyle Danielson**

Nothing new to report.

### **10. City of Long Prairie: Don Rasmussen**

Not a lot going on this summer, will be seal coating around 40 streets this year. Don attended the states Mayor Conference in Alexandria over the weekend; theme was about partnering with other communities on projects.

### **11. Project Reports: Julie Baum**

- Administrative Luncheon. Low attendance this year, great food. The location had to be moved from the Country Club to the Baptist Church.
- Prairie Fest. Events are all in place, are in need of many volunteers, Julie will make the sign up sheet to all the businesses in hope someone will volunteer.
- Community Center. A public meeting was held, very low attendance again for this project, Julie estimated around 8-12 people were there besides the committee. Discussed the survey results, positive and negative, there were more positive responses than negative and the committee will continue to move forward with the process. The committee is struggling with how to get the information to the public in a timely and free manner so that they have a say in the process.
- Cinco DeMayo. What a fantastic turnout for this event, over 500 people in attendance and their was great interaction among everyone, will start planning for next year. Possibly will need to move the location.
- Maximum Impact. 130 people from the community attended this great leadership training seminar, will send First Baptist a Thank You for this.

### **12. Old Business.**

- Individual member's websites are ready now, Julie has to meet with each of the chamber members that do not have websites and get their information, photos, etc to put on the web page.

### **13. New Business**

- Custom Mortgage Services as of last week paid for 1 year of dues at \$150.00. Due to staff changes already, they are asking for a dues refund if possible. The board did agree to give them a full refund.
- Open House at the LP Memorial Hospital will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. Everyone is invited.

### **14. Adjourn**

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

**5:15 pm**