

The mission of the Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote, educate & support a vital business community while enhancing and nurturing the livability and community connectedness of the area.

Minutes

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING December 11, 2018 4:30 pm at City Hall

Current Executive Board Members: President- Kelly Samuelson VP- Denita Wisniewski, Secretary- Clara Vancura, Treasurer- Ted Gray (present in red)

Board Members: John Howard, Todd Ecker, Dave Determan, Misty Lemke, Andy Otremba, Teresa Sorenson

1- Call to Order/Roll Call

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletion- Motion was made to approve the agenda by Misty Lemke and Todd Ecker seconded the motion, motion was carried.

3- Approval of Minutes, Financial Report- APPROVE 2019 budget

The approval of the November minutes was postponed due to the fact that the minutes were not yet done. They will be approved at the next meeting in January 2019.

Motion was made to approve the financial report and the 2019 budget by Teresa Sorenson and Todd Ecker seconded the motion, motion was carried.

4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members:

Possible members: KW Keller Williams Realty

Suggestions:

5- Tourism Report—

6- EDA Report—Government Report- City, County, School

7- Presentations—

8- Director's Report-

Facebook-November/December 1566= 50 since last meeting, please ask a friend to like our page

Website: 6, 800 Page views, 2,900 unique visits in last 30 days

Publicity/Advertising-

9- Old Business

a. PRAIRIE DAYS - There was a meeting with James Ruiz and Jon Finke November 20,2018. Both the Knights of Columbus and the First Baptist Church are willing to help and participate in organizing Prairie Days.

b. Good Morning Breakfast- January 17, 2018 at Senior Center – Host Chandler Industries

c. Talent Advantage Series- The November 14, 2018 workshop went well. There were over 25 people who participated in the MN Job Match workshop. There will be a follow up webinar and the Otto Bremer Foundation grant for \$5,000 will be used to advertise for MN Job match on the radio and in several newspapers.

d. Fundraiser- Annual Banquet fundraiser-

Name: Mid-Winterfest

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2019

There will be grilled/smoked chicken, potato choice, vegetable and smores for dessert.

Activities: Hammerschlagen, bonfire and music- MORE INFO TO COME

a. **Bright Light report-** The Bright Light event went well. The Senior Center stepped up to the plate to host Santa and closed 3rd St. N for pedestrian traffic. They also sponsored the parade and the Chamber did registration. This year there were a few less entries in the parade due to some lack of interest and conflicts. Next year the Chamber will start earlier to contact all possible float entries at least 1 month ahead of time.

b. **Nominating committee:** The nominating committee created a list of candidates for the executive committee: Clara VanCura, president, Denita Wisniewski, vice president, Misty Lemke, Secretary and Teddy Gray, Treasurer till June 2019.

Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst, director emailed a long list of possible board member candidates.

10- New Business

a. **Membership renewal-** The board helped stuffing envelopes during the December meeting. All board members present said that a fundraising insert would be appropriate and may secure some funding.

b. **Vacation-** The board approved the directors Christmas vacation from December 17, 2018- January 2, 2019

11- Adjourn Our Core Values : Promotion of Chamber Businesses, Leadership Development, Proactive Community Leadership, Information Hub