

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.

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Meeting

Date February 10th, 2015

4:30 pm City Hall Council Chambers

RaeAnn Waytashek, Warren Weber, Devin Hines

Ted Gray, Ryan Jacobson, David Determan, Henry Rodriguez

1- Call to Order/Roll Call

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions? Ryan/Ted

3- Approval of Minutes & Financial Report – requires a motion Dave/Ted Fin. Ryan/Ted (Devin is helping Ted transition to Treasurer. Remove Ted as signer for checks.

4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members - Long Prairie Orchestra – new member (St Mary's school)

5- Tourism Report— They are looking to pick up some people. Was 9, now down to 3. Meet first Monday of month. Working on cooperative advertising with Lake Association on Osakis. 10,000 magazines.

6- EDA Report—Government Reports

- a. City - Past 5 months working on high speed internet for city of LP. Thursday going to capitol with League of MN cities to meet. Looking at forming a co-op with telephone company to keep costs down.
- b. There is a \$51,000 grant for a study on a possible trail from Sauk Centre to Wadena. This would not necessarily be on the old railroad bed.
- c. In contact with people on a weekly basis to fill ALCO building.

b. County

c. School

7- Presentations— Chuck Bokinskie, proposal on an insurance program exclusive to chamber members.

Discussed Auto Owners exclusive Chamber program – 7 to 12% discount. Info given to ReaAnn.

Don Rasmussen, LP Mayor, on tourism and Music in the Park

Asking if Chamber would be interested in taking Music in the Park over. Running for approximately 16 years on Thursdays. Selling ads in flyer to help bring in musicians. City of LP Tourism gets 3% tax on lodging to use for fliers etc, and also proceeds from passing the hat at the event. Solicitation for ads takes approx. 30 hours. 190 contacts. Event is attended by an average of 168 people. 30 Artists contacting Tourism Board for Art in the Park. To be discussed with Board.

8- Director's Report- Welcome our new director, Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst!!

9- Old Business

- a. Board members - Devin has resigned from the Treasurer position effective 1/31/15. Ted Gray has agreed to step in for the position- motion to approve **Warren/Ryan**
- b. Annual Banquet- previous discussion about a Feb date, still time or try for a March date? Luan has volunteered to be the speaker and get the Chamber members involved during the banquet. **Discussed March 17th or the 31st, to fall around Blandin.**

10- New Business

- a. Lunch and Learn- MN National has asked to co sponsor a Lunch and Learn on March 31st at MN National Conference Room Bruce Miles present on Increasing Employee Engagement, Productivity, and Accountability. Cost is \$200 for the speaker and approx \$100-\$150 for the meal. Cost is split, 50/50. Motion to approve- **Dave/Ryan**
- b. Board Members- We were notified by Scott Bacon's office that Melissa Burch no longer works there. We asked if anyone from the firm would like to be on the board however at this time would like to resign and have us check again in 2016. Motion to approve resignation of Bailey &

- c. Golf Scramble- schedule a date soon, and 9 or 18 hole? **9 hole early in year. Ryan to ask Josh for mid to late June.**
- d. Cinco de Mayo- volunteers needed to assist Henry Rodriguez on May 1st. Tamie has 2 volunteers for the 5:00 and 5:30 shifts. **Need one more volunteer for 7-7:30. Ted volunteered.**
- e. Todd County Development 4th Annual Banquet, Feb 23rd @ 7pm at Browerville Community Center- RSVP by 2/17 if interested. Tamie will be there on behalf of LP Packing Plant and will also represent Chamber if someone else is interested in attending with her. **Luan RSVP'd**
- f. Policy Manual- review and motion to approve- **Henry/Devin**
- g. Blandin- Luan has also been chosen to attend. We would like to compensate her for some of her hours on behalf of the Chamber, 10 paid hours? Motion- **Warren/Ryan**
- h. Chamber bucks- Devin devoted a lot of time on running around with Chamber bucks and having 2 people sign these. To help with that duty, can we have Luan process the Chamber bucks and have them ready at the Chamber office, then email the signors on the account and have a reply to all once 2 people are able to stop by the office and sign? Motion- **Warren/Ryan**

11- Adjourn Ted/Dave

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