

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, April 14, 2015 4:30 pm City Hall Council Chambers

Present at meeting: President- Tamie Barber, VP- RaeAnn Waytashek, Secretary- Warren Weber, Treasurer- Ted Gray, Ryan Jacobson, Denita Wisniewski, Peg Churchwell

1- Call to Order/Roll Call – 4:35

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions - ReaAnn/Ryan

3- Approval of Minutes & Financial Report – requires a motion - Financials Peg/Denita – Minutes ReaAnn/Ryan Financials – New system – Starting fresh. Chamber bucks need to say “Good to 120 days”. Call and get clarification on checks over 6 months.

4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members –

Karen Hoffman, Relay for Life committee REM Central Lakes & Babygirlz – new members

Parties Plus will not be renewing their membership, because Faith Peterson is retiring.

Possible new members – St Mary’s and American Lutheran

5- Tourism Report— Explore MN: 10 brochures sent and 6 online requests for information sent out too.

6- EDA Report—Government Reports

a. City

b. County

c. School

7- Presentations— None

8- Director’s Report- Technology: I purchased an ACER laptop from Target for \$230. After two days, my husband found that the laptop was faulty- the mouse pad and speakers were not working up to par. He returned the computer, and purchased an HP from Walmart for \$374. Because my computer budget was \$300.00, we decided that we would cover the extra \$74.00. RaeAnn said that that should be covered by the Chamber. This should be voted on at this meeting. [Motion carried via e:mail](#)

Quickbooks online is up and running, but there was an extra charge involved. Instead of \$80 it is \$130.00- an extra \$50.00 per year.

Microsoft Office online 365 is also up and running, but there was also an extra charged involved. Instead of \$100 a year it is \$150.00- an extra \$50.00 per year.

\$374 + 130 + 150 = 654.00 \$174.00 over budget

Paycheck: I will now be paid once a month and this is a savings of \$480 per year in Payroll prep.

Unfinished business- finished (photos) / Newspaper – New members being posted on website and in newspaper.

Web- Jobpostings, Facebook likes - about 80 new likes – Keep posted 2 weeks

New ideas: Radio – Open Mike (once a month) and more advertising, Getting started with radio spot this Thursday.

Senior tab – to be a resource for senior citizens. Links to Rainbow Rider etc.

Looking to donate old computer to Senior Center

9- Old Business

- a. Concert Series- most board members agreed that the concert series was not to become part of the Chamber's responsibilities in the near future. It would be nice if there was an Arts commission or another group that could take over the responsibility. Arts Commission in Sauk Centre runs theirs. Put out notice through Chamber and via radio to solicit help for concert.
- b. Annual Banquet- summary
- c. Lunch and Learn- 20 attendees, successful, cost for Chamber \$171 – Next one in May in Sauk Centre – How to hire vets.
- d. Cinco de Mayo – The following came from Henry Rodriguez today:
 1. It would be nice to have two people willing to float from table to table to help as needed, but especially for the Children's Craft Table that can get busy at times (one from 5:30pm-6:30pm and the other from 6:30pm to 7:30pm).
 2. We would like to recruit a couple more people for clean-up, starting at 7pm or 7:15 p.m. and going for 30-45 minutes or so (to put tables away and the like).
- e. Golf Scramble- planning in place June 19th 2:00 tee off. Dinner (\$15) 5:30, \$40 golf. Countryside catered last year. 13 groups participated. Contact Chavez regarding catering.
- f. Scholarship Budget- \$250- Dollars for Scholars and \$250- NJPA = Done
- g. Technology: costs increase approval Done

10- New Business

- a. Farmer's Market - No longer wants to collect fees and store awnings. – Motion for chamber director to do carried. Ryan/Ted
- b. Adopt a pot- Marie Siegle and another Master Gardener volunteered to help with the Adopt a Pot action - \$30-\$50 to adopt. Getting plants to put in in April.
- c. Quickbooks responsibilities- Director/Treasurer - Sauk Centre has an accountant reconcile. Need access to Quickbooks. Deemed not a liability due to the fact that Bank statements are handled separately.
- d. Spring Fling – Neals/Thunder Lodge/ Mama Marla's May 16th.

11- Adjourn Ryan/Ted

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