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, December, 2015 6:30 pm City Hall

Board members present: Henry Rodriguez, Ryan Jacobsen, Devin Hines and Todd Ecker

- 1- Call to Order/Roll Call 4:30pm
- 2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions Approved by Ryan Jacobsen, seconded by Devin Hines
- **3- Approval of Minutes & Financial Report requires a motion** Approved by Todd Ecker, seconded by Henry Rodriguez
- **4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members:** STEP Inc Service Teaching Empowering People, Norwex Gloria Miller(small business consultant), VFW, Jesse Swartzentruber Tarp shop

Possible members: D & D Auto repair – New Year, Christian Women (St. Mary's of Mt. Carmel)

Suggestions:

Browerville opening up to the Long Prairie AREA Chamber of Commerce- There is no more commercial club there.

- 5- Tourism Report—
- 6- EDA Report—Government Report- City, County, School
- 7- Presentations—
- 8- Director's Report-

Facebook- February 309- October 643 LIKES- ask a friend to like your page

Website visits- average daily visits in Nov 275 highest day 395 visits (day before Bright Lights)

Bright Light Parade went smoothly, suggestions: making ornaments with kids and have two Santa locations, one during the day and one at the Fire Hall.

Publicity/Advertising- Browerville Blade- new members pictures, last week

9- Old Business

- Learning Luncheon report and new possibilities
 FB basics taught by Melissa Kolstad or Kevin Langer retail security
 Somali Cultural presentation January 13th, 6:30 pm @ CentraCare
- b. Window decorating idea and Residential/Business decoration Window decorating was a hit with Chuck McMurray. We hope to do more decorating next year. We would also like to have a decorating competition for Residential/Business

- in town in 2016- We will start preparing in October.
- c. Quilters exhibit @ Hometown Furniture ?- May 14th @ Trinity Lutheran possibly and not at Home Town Furniture
- d. Chamber Travel fundraiser- Central Holidays- WAIT and SEE- not this year

10- New Business

- a. NJPA scholarship- \$250 (last year)- check budget for the next meeting
- b. Rate sheet changes- Not finished yet, will vote via email on changes.
- c. Membership renewal- Invoices will be sent soon.
- d. Board membership- Clara VanCura (CentraCare), Kelly Peterson (MN National Bank) Vote on board membership at annual Banquet- Follow by-laws and encourage other businesses to have employees join the board. Email will be sent to ask about interest.
- e. Amend that Ryan Jacobson will be taken off checking and Kelly Peterson will be added? Add Henry Rodriquez a signer next meeting.
- f. Budget 2016 set meeting date- via email with budget committee

11- Adjourn - Approved by Ryan Jacobsen, seconded by Todd Ecker

Our Core Values:

- -Promotion of Chamber Businesses
- -Leadership Development
- -Proactive Community Leadership
- -Information Hub