

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.

## **AGENDA**

### **Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce**

**CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING December 12, 2017 4:30 pm at CITY HALL**

Current Board Members: President- Kelly Peterson VP- Denita Wisniewski, Secretary- Clara Vancura, Treasurer- Ted Gray, John Howard, Todd Ecker, Dave Determan, Peg Churchwell, Andy Otremba, Teresa Sorenson and Clara Vancura

#### **1- Call to Order/Roll Call**

#### **2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions**

#### **3- Approval of Minutes, Financial Report– APPROVE BUDGET**

**4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members:** Long Prairie Hockey Association & Vanguard insurance, Cub Scouts Pack 40

Possible members: Natural Alternatives/Winery- April

Suggestions:

#### **5- Tourism Report—**

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

#### **7- Presentations—**

#### **8- Director's Report-**

Facebook- November/December LIKES 1269= 41 since last meeting, please ask a friend to like our page

Featuring our Own- Bright Light Parade, LP Sanitary & Senior Center

Publicity/Advertising- THANKS for being members & KEYL- Membership drive

-IDEA: ask Thunder Lodge about advertising on napkin/place settings or cups

#### **9- Old Business**

- a. Bright Light parade - report
- b. PRAIRIE DAYS - Committee meeting SET DATE??
- c. Membership renewal letters- letter, NEW rates, Annual Banquet invite and return envelope
- d. Good Morning Breakfast- at CentraCare, January 18 from 7:30-8:30am
- e. Annual Banquet cost: \$13.20 per plate includes gratuity  
Dinner: pork loin, potatoes, cheesy mushroom gravy, vegetable, and dinner roll  
Entertainment: LPGE singers and LP Chamber Orchestra?

#### **10- New Business**

- a. Email question for Todd Ecker
- b. CTC- cost comparison to Charter (see attachment)

c. Credit Card service with US Card Systems Brainerd - cost: \$97.00 & 2.39% per transaction

d. Chamber Bucks 2%

e. 501c3- Franz Vancura's (see email below)

Clara,

The following is my take on whether the Long Prairie Chamber of Commerce can apply for tax exempt status:

The short answer is, "yes" but as a 501.C6 organization and not as a 501C.3. The main difference between a 501.C6 and a 501C.3 is the deductibility of donations to the organizations on one's tax return. You can't deduct donations to a 501C.6 like you can to a 501C.3. However, 501C.6's can lobby and engage in political activity whereas 501C3's cannot.

Now, the Long Prairie Chamber could start a non-profit foundation which, if its mission was sufficiently limited, would or could qualify as a 501C.3.

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