

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 for 1/11/2017

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

Current Board Members: President- Tamie Barber, VP- RaeAnn Waytashek, Secretary- Clara Vancura, Treasurer- Ted Gray, **Todd Ecker, Dave Determan**, Denita Wisniewski, **Peg Churchwell, Kelly Peterson** and Clara Vancura

1- Call to Order/Roll Call (motion Dave / second Todd / motion carried)

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions (motion Dave / second Todd / motion carried)

3- Approval of Minutes, Financial Report PROPOSED BUDGET- requires a motion (motion Todd / second Kelly / motion carried)

4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members: Alexandria Technical & Community College
Central Lake College, Dreams United

Possible members: LETTERS SENT- Infinite, Colin King, Venis Family (Menagerie) in Eagle Bend, Century Link, Russ Kleinschmidt, Matthew Breiter, Gould Brothers, Reynolds Church, Reds Bar, Aksamit Todd County Care Center

LETTERS NOT SENT: Super 8, Budget Host Suggestions:

5- Tourism Report—STEP Support \$300.00-400.00 a year **Decided to make a call for volunteers for future needs. David and Kelly will help next week.**

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

7- Presentations—

8- Director's Report-

Facebook- January LIKES 894 = increase of 7 since last meeting, ask a friend to like our page

Website visits- Unique Visitors- about 697, Page View –Week up to 2671

(Featuring our Own- Lions Service Organizations)

Publicity/Advertising- PEACH, La Voz Libre and KEYL/KXDL- membership drive

Need to run more radio ads to use up our spots.

9- Old Business

- a. Welcome Wagon/Bag/Basket- Ball rolling- email necessary
Leader will be doing the format and printing.
- b. Pots on Main- moving and storing - Should I go to City Council?
Lu will write a proposal for the council and send to board for review, then bring to city council.
- c. MS TRAM **Lu asking service organizations and businesses to supply volunteers.**
- d. Banquet- Day and Speaker- Cheryl Hills from Region 5 **Will be held on Feb. 14, offer couples special of \$30 per couple or \$20 per person. Thunder Lodge with Smokin' Motion.**

10- New Business

- a. City Council meeting: MS TRAM, ?? Prairie Days, Pots on Main Street **Lu will ask City Council for water for MS TRAM, then also Pots on Main St. help and care.**
- b. Election of new officers and board members **(Kelly Peterson nominated as president / Denita Wisniewski nominated as vice president (if she agrees) / Clara Faust as secretary. (motion Peg / second Dave / motion carried).**
- c. Discussion about forming committees to address Daycare and Workforce housing **Will explore these further and ask for advice from Region Five.**

11- Adjourn

Our Core Values :

-Promotion of Chamber Businesses

-Leadership Development

-Proactive Community Leadership

-Information Hub