

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 & PRAIRIE DAYS, May 9, 2017 4:30 pm at CITY HALL

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

1- Call to Order/Roll Call called to order at 4:32PM

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions motion made by Dave D with second by Denita W.

3- Approval of Minutes, Financial Report – motion made by Dave D with second by Denita W. to approve the minutes. motion made by Clara V with second by Theresa S

4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members:

Possible members: Local Hockey Association, Midway Gas??

Suggestions:

5- Tourism Report— Work-based learning program- Tara Hendrikson- No longer working for the Chamber

6- EDA Report—Government Report- City, County, School no report at this time

7- Presentations— no presentation at this meeting

8- Director's Report-

Facebook- March LIKES 1048 = increase of 31 since last meeting, ask a friend to like our page

Featuring our Own- Prairie Days

Publicity/Advertising-

9- Old Business

- a. Pots on Main- Moving forward-Flowers from Eagle Valley Greenhouse- flowers have been purchased and are ready to go
NEED volunteers to help plant the flower in the pots- May 23, 24, 25th -- want to have set-up by Memorial day. May 24th at 5PM (Ted, Denita, Teresa, Clara, Lu, Tami Barber) Meet at public works, possibly. Lu will send a reminder email with location to those that are interested.
- b. Prairie Days donations, poster design, Volunteers- Who can do what?

- a. Donations made to the chamber: 500\$ from the rotary with no designation, 150\$ talent show participation gifts from MN National Bank,
- b. Donations to the water show: 500\$ being given to the water show from the American Legion
- c. Lions are discussing a donation and currently being reviewed by their finance committee
- d. Inflatable contract: Entire contract was changed/updated by our Lawyer. Just need to sign contract and send in deposit at the end of this week, deposit is 100\$
- e. Review of Prairie Days poster of events
- f. Volunteers via the chamber
 - i. Dunking tank: Clara is looking into obtaining and manning. Ted will help with set-up as well as those to dunk
 - ii. Additional activities reviewed with community members
- c. MS TRAM- moving forward- Walk thru on May 22nd
 - a. Dave will be attending to learn more about volunteer numbers
- d. Learning Luncheon- Initiative Foundation- Canceled – will be reaching out to Initiative Foundation to discuss speakers and topics for the future
- e. Bridges- Job postings and Speaker Bureau
 - a. Starting to gain traction with local business's.

New Business

- 1) Commercial option: Andrew Ring presented about commercial options that the chamber may want to purchase to promote the Chamber value's and business. The Board liked the idea and wants to continue considering it. Tabling this decision to have additional discussion of what the video should be of as well as cost due to already finalized budget. Andrew will be bringing cost information to future meetings.
 - a) Need to discuss what we would like to highlight with the chamber
 - i) Down town business
 - ii) Potential option for chamber to help sponsor
 - iii) A who's who on business owners in town
 - b) Unsure of cost at this time—would probably come from the advertising area of budget
 - c) Already has approached the Lions club about specifically making a commercial for Prairie Day's Parade which they are discussing currently.
- 2) Motions for Signors on accounts
 - a) Motion to add Andy Otremba to the General Checking account at American Heritage National Bank and the chamber Bucks Account at Minnesota National. Further move that RaeAnn be removed as signor as her term has expired. Also, the other signors will remain on the account. Motion made by Denita W and Kelly Peterson seconded the motion, everyone was in favor. Motion carried
 - b) Motion to add Kelly Peterson to both chamber accounts as signor, the General Checking account at American Heritage National Bank and the chamber Bucks Account at Minnesota National. Motion made by Denita with second by Clara V, all approve, motion carries.

- c) Motion to remove Tami Barber as a signor to the General Checking account at American Heritage National Bank and the chamber Bucks Account at Minnesota National. Motion made by Dentia W with second by David D, all approve, motion carries.
 - d) Motion to remove RaeAnn W. off of the community garden account and to add Kelly Peterson as a signor on this account. Motion made by Denita W with second by David D, all approve, motion carries
- 3) Bikeable Community
- a) Great ideas were presented to increase awareness of biking in our community
 - b) Did a biking tour: discussed biking lanes and other features that can be considered in the community
 - c) For the chamber: potential to have bike racks available for sponsorship or maintained for the community, as well as sponsoring bikes for the community to use

11- Adjourn Dave motioned to adjourn at 5:31PM, Teresa S second, all approved, motion carried

Our Core Values :

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