

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

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS rescheduled MEETING January 16, 2017 4:30 pm at CITY HALL

Current Executive Board Members: **President- Kelly Peterson** VP- Denita Wisniewski, **Secretary- Clara Vancura**, Treasurer- Ted Gray

Board Members: **John Howard**, Todd Ecker, **Dave Determan, Peg Churchwell**, Andy Otremba, **Teresa Sorenson** (highlighted names notate present at meeting)

1- Call to Order/Roll Call

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions: motion made for approval by Teresa S., second by Peg C. motion carried

3- Approval of Minutes: motion made for approval by Teresa S., second by Kelly P. motion carried

4- Approval of Financial Report: motion made for approval by Dave D., second by John H. motion carried

5- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members: Capitol Lien will NOT be rejoining due to the fact that they are not going to have an office in Long Prairie.

Possible members:

Suggestions:

6- Director's Report-

Facebook- November/December LIKES 1272= 3 since last meeting, please ask a friend to like our page

Featuring our Own- Mama Marla – NEXT: Senior Center, Chamber Bucks

Publicity/Advertising-

-IDEA: ask Thunder Lodge about advertising – I will ask before the Annual Banquet

7- Old Business

- a. PRAIRIE DAYS - Committee meeting after the Annual board meeting on February 13, 2018
 - Car Show, Inflatables, Sound for the Talent Show set... Water show, library activity, soccer game etc still to plan
- b. Membership renewal letters- \$21,000 received
- c. Good Morning Breakfast- at CentraCare, January 18 from 7:30-8:30am
- d. Annual Banquet - Who is coming? RSVP, pre-pay and invite a friend!
- e. Email question for Todd Ecker – 50% taken care of more to investigate
- f. CTC- signatures and addresses necessary for Authorized Account Reps
 - a. **Will be providing internet service for the chamber office.**
 - b. **Additional board members for authorized account reps will be Dave D. and Denita W.**
- g. Credit Card service with US Card Systems Brainerd - see attachment.

- a. Consensus of board as too expensive**
- h. 501c3- Foundation- I will speak with the MN Chamber of Commerce about the positives and negatives on Thursday.
 - a. Will require another board**
 - b. Will have some costs involved, no specific amount known currently**
 - c. We are currently considered a 501c6**

8- New Business

- a. By- laws and Strategic planning- see attached
 - a. Dave D., Peg C., Teresa S. and Clara V. are all interested in helping review the By-laws at a future committee meeting**
 - b. Review of strategic plan and starting to do this again to help report to the board**

11- Adjourn : Motion was made to adjourn by Dave D., second by John H., all in favor with adjournment at 5:37PM

Our Core Values : Promotion of Chamber Businesses, Leadership Development, Proactive Community Leadership, Information Hub