

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.

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

Minutes

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING March 13, 2017 4:30 pm at LPGE secondary school

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 members indicate present attendance)

Chamber Director: Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst

1- Call to Order/Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 4:35PM

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions – Agenda approved; motion Teresa S., second by Denita W.

3- Approval of Minutes – January minutes approved; motion by Todd E., second by Ted G.
February minutes approved; motion by Denita W., second by Ted G.

4- Approval of Financial Report – Financials approved; motion by Clara V., second by Teresa S.

5- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members:

New Members: Master Gardeners – local non-profit

Possible members:

Suggestions:

6- Tourism Report— none

7- EDA Report—Government Report- City, County, School – none

8- Presentations— Country Cruisers Presentation by Johnny Sarella and Mike Noe

-They are looking forward to participating in Prairie Days 2018

-Changes in way the car show will function, and prizes given to increase participation and provide business's the opportunity to acknowledge beautiful cars in our community

9- Director's Report-

Facebook- November/December LIKES 1296= 13 since last meeting, please ask a friend to like our page

Featuring our Own- Senior Center

NEXT: GRRL and then Chamber Bucks

Publicity/Advertising- Next upcoming chamber event in April, Good Morning Long Prairie breakfast/networking event (more details below)

10- Old Business

- a. By- laws and Strategic planning: 2nd meeting February 28, 2018 Article V-VII revised
NEXT meeting – TBD, review Article VIII through the end, Lu will send out dates.
- b. PRAIRIE DAYS - Committee meeting NEEDS TO BE SCHEDULED Suggestions for guests
- Car Show, Inflatables, Sound for the Talent Show set... Water show, library activity,
soccer game, Arts on Main etc. still to plan
- c. Membership renewal - \$6,000 still needs to be collected- invoices sent again via email
- d. Good Morning Breakfast- report, Next April 19, 2018
 - a. Continuing search for a host
- e. CTC order agreement- Price down to \$90.71 due to stopping email and web hosting services
- f. 501c3- Foundation- update Clara
 - a. Waiting on cost information. Clara will follow-up.
 - b. MN chamber representative had a positive outlook on setting up a scholarship
foundation when visiting
 - c. Will continue to pursue and assess cost, moving forward as able
- g. Job Fair & costs- report
 - a. Went very well
 - b. 60 vendors/employers attended
 - c. Over 100 employees attended
 - d. Multiple applications and interviews were completed
 - e. Thank you to those who made donations in time, food and other items including:
LSC Communications, Coborn's Inc, MN National Bank, Advantage One Insurance

11- New Business

- a. Bridges Career Academy
 - a. Website that can be used by school aged, 14-18 years, to find jobs, internships and
mentors
 - b. Luan will be visiting businesses to advertise on the website as well as working with
school teachers to promote and use this site
- b. Alternative Learning Center - career presentations
 - a. Luan is helping coordinate with business leaders to make presentations at school
 - b. Currently have first scheduled with Todd County HR Director
- c. Pots on Main
 - a. Need to reassess this program and the increasing cost/time it takes to water pots
 - b. Recommendations of trying to find volunteers or community members needing to
obtain community service hours

12- Adjourn – motion made by Todd E., to adjourn, second by Denita W. Meeting adjourned at 5:29PM