

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 October 9, 2018 4:30 pm at [City Hall](#)

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

Board Members: John Howard, Todd Ecker, Dave Determan, Misty Lemke, Andy Otremba, Teresa Sorenson

Present Board Members: Denita Wisniewski, Clara Vancura, Ted Gray, Teresa Sorenson

Chamber Director: Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst

1- Call to Order/Roll Call: 4:32 PM

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions: Motion to approve agenda by Clara V., second by Ted G., motion carried

3- Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve August and September minutes made by Denita W., second by Teresa S., motion carried

4- Financial Report: Motion to approve financial report made by Clara V., second by Denita W., motion carried

5- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members: Sprinkle of Joy

Possible members: Endless INK Browerville/Clarissa

Suggestions: none

6- Tourism Report— Concert in the Park is needing to find new Leadership and Chamber Director has been reaching out to potential community members to encourage participation

7- EDA Report—Government Report- City, County, School –upcoming public forums with the LP Area Chamber helping to organize reviewed; School Board Candidates and City Council and Mayoral Candidates

8- Presentations — None

9- Director's Report-

Facebook- August/September LIKES 1462 = 12 since last meeting, please ask a friend to like our page

Website: 6, 550 Page views, 2,050 unique visits in last 30 days

Publicity/Advertising- Upcoming Event by Chamber is "Good Morning Long Prairie" October 18th

10- Old Business

- a. Hand out remaining folders for Strategic planning, Ethics policy & board agreement - Signatures needed
- b. PRAIRIE DAYS - NO news from First Baptist Church at time of meeting
- c. Good Morning Breakfast- Next: October 18, 2018 7-8 AM at American Heritage Bank with Non-Profit- Camphill

Board Members who will be attending: Teresa S, Ted G, Denita W and Todd E

- d. Career Advisor- Craig Nathan Director of Regional Initiatives Rural Minnesota CEP, Inc.

Continuing to have discussions with LPGE High School and Superintendent

Career advisor program and a career class with funding through NJPA

Waiting for final approval and movement forward

- e. Career Fair Date November 7th at LPGE High School from 1-3:30 PM.

Sign-up is available online at LP Chamber website for Business's to register for attending

Currently have around 20 businesses signed up

11- New Business

- a. Public Forum - helpers needed. Board Members have volunteered to help as needed at events. Additional help may be needed.
- b. Fundraisers
 - a. A separate committee will be set-up to come up with ideas for fundraising that can be brought to the board
 - b. Would like to include business leaders in these discussions for ideas
- c. 2019 Budget: Lu, Ted, John and Phil discussed and would like to form a separate committee to review prior to whole board review
- d. Next events:
 - a. Halloween – trick or treat calls being made with reminders of the upcoming Good Morning Long Prairie event
 - b. Bright Light-Update – Remains the Friday after Thanksgiving
 - i. Will not be having any fireworks through the city and no plan of events at the fire hall
 - ii. Lu looking into having a food vendor on Main Street
 - c. Banquet ideas – End of the year Banquet ideas with discussion of including outdoor activity and potential for using to raise funds
 - d. Talent Series Continues – Next event is November 14th with a lunch and learn to provide education through the NJPA on “Minnesota Job Match”

11- Adjourn at 5:45PM