

Minutes

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 19, 2019 4:30 pm at City Hall

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

Board Members: John Howard, Todd Ecker, Dave Determan, Andy Otremba, Teresa Sorenson, Ashley Behagg, Stephanie Och

Guests: Jodi Dixon and Barb Neuman

Board Members in Attendance: Clara Vancura, Ted Gray, Todd Ecker, Dave Determan, Ashley Behagg, Stephanie Och

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of agenda/additions/deletions
3. Approval of Minutes, Financial Report
4. Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members: Countryside Restaurant, East West Realty, Nancy Leasman, Lake Osakis Resort
5. Letter sent to: Cenex (North Star Coop), Team 261, Daybreak Foods, Benning Printing, Sauk Centre Main Street Theater, Aksamit Transportation, Bargain Barn, KW Keller Williams Realty, 8's Bowling, Christie House
6. Possible members: NEW craft store in town, ARC Electric, St. John Vianny, Pan de Vida, Legend Kutz
 - a. Suggestions:
7. Tourism Report— OPEN INVITATION: Eric Streed
8. EDA Report—Government Report- OPEN INVITATION: City- Dave Venekamp & Jodi Dixon, County- Rick Utech, School- Jon Kringen, Tammy Cebulla, Bart Rud
 - a. Update from Jodi Dixon: 6 foster grandparents are going to be recognized on April 2nd 2019. Also, Jodi met with CNN and discussed immigration with date of airing upcoming.
9. Presentations— None
10. Director's Report-
 - a. Facebook- February/March 1688 = 42 since last meeting, please ask a friend to like our page

11. Old Business

- a. PRAIRIE DAYS - Meeting with Knights of Columbus, First Baptist, Kari Kristians from American Lutheran Church, Misty Lemke – still need to meet with Chad Bosl to go up and down Central to look at feasible location for tents, bouncy houses etc.
 - i. Map is updated.
 - ii. Prairie Days parade poster completed
 - iii. City Council meeting February 19, 2019 at 7pm- report: Moving forward
- b. Good Morning Breakfast- –NEXT: March 21, 2019 @ Hart Mall: AJ Peters Computer Consulting, non-profit CAD- Multiple board members planning on attending
 - i. Next in April at GRRL as host and the non-profit
- c. Talent Advantage Series-
 - i. February 27, 2019 at the LPCC : Hiring Veterans and Workers with Disabilities
 - 1. 20 in attendance; was well received
 - ii. Next in Series is not yet planned
- d. Career Advising for LPGE – in the making
 - i. Just met again and will be moving forward. Looking at having an advisor 1 or 2x a week
- e. Fundraiser- Annual Banquet fundraiser
 - i. Report: Broke even for this fundraiser.
- f. Membership renewal
 - i. \$7000 in outstanding membership at this time with letters sent
- g. NEW Computer:
 - i. 1st: Dell Inspiration Desktop- \$699.00, Dell LED Monitor \$99.00
 - ii. 2nd: HP Desktop \$849.00, HP IPS Monitor \$179.00
 - iii. BOTH: Windows 10, 1920 Resolution

“IMPACT TECHNOLOGY POSSIBILITY:

Hi Luan,

I contacted Russ Olson from Impact regarding a laptop or desktop for you to use.

They do have several machines coming in early summer. They have a laptop device that would work for you and the cost would be right around \$200 however I’m reluctant to get it as all of their computers come with Windows 7 or 8.1.

Microsoft is going to no longer support Windows 7 in January next year so that would be out. This laptop loaded with Windows 8.1 would work for you and is going to be supported till January 2023. Doubt the computer would last that long.

That being said the machines are nearly 4 years old already. We have used them at the bank as machines that really don’t get heavy use.

So my recommendation is if we really want to save some money you could get the Laptop that they have for \$200 or so, with the understanding it will not work for more than a couple years. Where if you get a new one from Best Buy there is no reason it shouldn’t last for 4 to 5 years.

No good answer,

Todd

Todd Ecker

VP Operations “

- i. Motion made by Dave D, second by Clara V to purchase the 1st option; no dissent and motion carried.

12. New Business

- a. Signor change for MN National Bank
 - i. Changes Proposed: Continue to have Andy and Denita to stay on as Signors while taking off Kelly and Ted and adding Dave and Clara as additional signors.
 - ii. Motion made by Todd E and second by Staphanie O to approve as written with change in signors, no dissent, motion carried.
- b. EDA Interim Position
 - i. Update to include resignation of Steven from the EDA who will be meeting soon to vote on the LPACC proposal to fill position in the interim
- c. Barb Neuman added to LPACC Board: motion made by Dave D., Second by Ashley B, no dissent, motion carried

13. 11- Adjourn at 5:25 PM