

# Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes for September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

## **Meeting called to order at 3:36pm**

In Attendance: Director Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst, President Clara Vancura, Secretary Ashley Gray, Vice President Teresa Sorenson, Board Member David Determan, Board Member Todd Ecker, Board Member Josiah Tonder.

Agenda Reviewed, Motion to approve by Dave, Second by Todd. Motion carried.

Minutes from July 28 regular meeting reviewed. Motion to approve made by Dave, second by Josiah. Motion carried

July and August Financial Report Reviewed. The chamber is making payments to the City of Long Prairie who has already covered the bills. A formal payment arrangement to come. Lu will add more info on this to our next agenda. Lu will be sending out Re-Member cards to past due members. Clara can help as needed. Motion to approve by Clara, Second by Josiah. Motion carried.

New chamber members added: Maverick Woods, Botello Market, Browerville Funeral Home, Boss Nails, and Freshwater

No external reports

Directors Report: Facebook page has increased 67 likes since our last meeting. Next website feature will be new Police Chief.

## **Old Business**

GMLP will be tomorrow September 23, 2021. Hosts are Todd County Council on Aging, non-profit is Hilltop Regional Kitchen. Gathering will be at the Senior Center.

Craft show – 102/175 vendors are signed up. Date is Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup>. Hockey association will be helping Char Roe with food. The school is still on board with having the event there. Clara will have Franz draw up the contract to be signed at Lu's next meeting with Diane.

Concert in the park – All but the last show was a success. Latin DJ only drew a crowd of about 20 people, but he was not signed up in time to make it on the poster. Lu will send out survey 1 more time – 21 responses currently.

Raffle – Overall profit was \$1830.00. Notes for next: increase ticket cost and decrease number of tickets, better coordinate with other organizations to limit the overlapping of raffles.

Tourism Board – Miozoti Nieves and Amy Allen are willing to be on the board. Jodi and Teresa are still willing from the chamber. Lu will to help organize their first meeting and try to get them started in October.

## **New Business**

Advertising at Thunder – not addressed

Homecoming – We had such an overwhelming amount of people who wanted to sponsor that we created another category with prizes. Still needing additional volunteers to judge.

Welcome Center – We received an additional \$5,000.00 from the initiative foundation putting our total donations at \$14,000.00.

Ashley Gray resignation – Secretary Position is now open and the board is down to 8 members. Lu will send out a call for new board members on Monday and push for more local business owners.

**Meeting Adjourned 4:25**

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**Respectfully Submitted 9/23/2021**