

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.

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Meeting, December, 2015 6:30 pm City Hall

Board members present: Henry Rodriguez, Ryan Jacobsen, Devin Hines and Todd Ecker

1- Call to Order/Roll Call 4:30pm

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions Approved by Ryan Jacobsen, seconded by Devin Hines

3- Approval of Minutes & Financial Report – requires a motion Approved by Todd Ecker, seconded by Henry Rodriguez

4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members: STEP Inc Service Teaching Empowering People, Norwex - Gloria Miller (small business consultant), VFW, Jesse Swartzentruber – Tarp shop

Possible members: D & D Auto repair – New Year, Christian Women (St. Mary's of Mt. Carmel)

Suggestions:

Browerville opening up to the Long Prairie AREA Chamber of Commerce- There is no more commercial club there.

5- Tourism Report—

6- EDA Report—Government Report- City, County, School

7- Presentations—

8- Director's Report-

Facebook- February 309- October 643 LIKES- ask a friend to like your page

Website visits- average daily visits in Nov 275 highest day 395 visits (day before Bright Lights)

Bright Light Parade went smoothly, suggestions: making ornaments with kids and have two Santa locations, one during the day and one at the Fire Hall.

Publicity/Advertising- Browerville Blade- new members pictures, last week

9- Old Business

- a. Learning Luncheon - report and new possibilities
FB basics taught by Melissa Kolstad or Kevin Langer – retail security
Somali Cultural presentation January 13th, 6:30 pm @ CentraCare
- b. Window decorating idea and Residential/Business decoration – Window decorating was a hit with Chuck McMurray. We hope to do more decorating next year. We would also like to have a decorating competition for Residential/Business

- in town in 2016- We will start preparing in October.
- c. Quilters exhibit @ Hometown Furniture ?- May 14th @ Trinity Lutheran possibly and not at Home Town Furniture
 - d. Chamber Travel fundraiser- Central Holidays- WAIT and SEE- not this year

10- New Business

- a. NJPA scholarship- \$250 (last year)- check budget for the next meeting
- b. Rate sheet changes- Not finished yet, will vote via email on changes.
- c. Membership renewal- Invoices will be sent soon.
- d. Board membership- Clara VanCura (CentraCare), Kelly Peterson (MN National Bank)
Vote on board membership at annual Banquet- Follow by-laws and encourage other businesses to have employees join the board. Email will be sent to ask about interest.
- e. Amend that Ryan Jacobson will be taken off checking and Kelly Peterson will be added? Add Henry Rodriguez a signer next meeting.
- f. Budget 2016 set meeting date- via email with budget committee

11- Adjourn - Approved by Ryan Jacobsen, seconded by Todd Ecker

Our Core Values :

-Promotion of Chamber Businesses

-Leadership Development

-Proactive Community Leadership

-Information Hub