

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 Date March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 4:30 pm City Hall Council Chambers

Present: President- Tamie Barber, VP- RaeAnn Waytashek, Secretary- Warren Weber, Todd Ecker, Ted Gray, Ryan Jacobson, Denita Wisniewski, Peg Churchwell

**1- Call to Order/Roll Call – 4:30**

**2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions?**

**3- Approval of Minutes & Financial Report – requires a motion**

**4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members – Hats Off Coffee – new member. [REM Central Lakes Group Home](#).**

**5- Tourism Report— [Booked 9 concerts this summer. No one responded to request to join Tourism Board.](#)**

**6- EDA Report—Government Reports**

- a. City - [ALCO building has a few parties interested.](#)**
  - [- Met with new CEO of CentraCare about new medical center.](#)
- b. County**
- c. School**

**7- Presentations—** GEO Caching presented by Sandi Bell – [Currently 3 caches in LP. 350 caches within 25 miles of LP. Sandi is working on setting up. Looking for \\$15 to \\$20 a box, plus dog tags for grid coordinates. Also for funding of 2-3 GPS units for people to log out and use.](#)

**8- Director's Report-** Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn

Unfinished business- finished (photos) [8 plaques/certificates delivered and in paper.](#)

New ideas

Email/Mail/Facebook/Website

- [Attending 5 Wings Art council](#)
- [Monthly radio segment to discuss chamber matters.](#)
- [Updated web site to include job listings etc.](#)
- [Updated Facebook page](#)
- [Emailed reminders of annual banquet and Cinco de Mayo.](#)

## 9- Old Business

a. Concert Series - Will the Concert Series be something that the Chamber heads and takes as its responsibility? This is very important to LP. Luan will meet with Jeff on a cooperative basis going forward. Don't think we want to commit to taking over 100%. Jeff feels this is something that needs to leave their plate going forward as this is not within their focus of bringing people to town for a day or more. – More discussion needed.

b. Annual Banquet- Emails, Letters/Invitation and Reminders- RSVP , budget for prices?45 people signed up.

c. Lunch and Learn- MN National has asked to co sponsor a Lunch and Learn on March 31<sup>st</sup> at MN National Conference Room Bruce Miles present on Increasing Employee Engagement, Productivity, and Accountability- RSVP Resending out e:mail. RaeAnn heard Bruce talk and said he was very good.

d. Cinco de Mayo- more volunteers needed to assist Henry Rodriguez on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Sign up sheet for times.

## 10- New Business

a. Golf Scramble- Friday June 19th w/ Prairie Fest – 9 holes + silent auction. Flag sponsors? Supper at 5:30.

b. New Laptop \$160-400.00/ Quickbooks - \$10.00 per month per administrator/ Microsoft Office 365 in the cloud \$8.00 /Charter ??/One pay check a month – savings Motion to purchase – Todd/ReaAnn

c. Advertising & Supplies Budget

d. Scholarship Budget?- Dollars for Scholars and NJPA

## 11- Adjourn Ryan/Todd

Our Core Values :

-Promotion of Chamber Businesses

-Leadership Development

-Proactive Community Leadership

-Information Hub