

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Meeting

September 10th, 2013 @ City Hall

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Kathleen Nauber on September 10th, 2013, at Long Prairie City Hall.

Present:

Kathleen Nauber	Daphne Karpan	Devin Hines	Melissa Burch
Mark Poegel	RaeAnn Waytashek	Warren Weber	
Mary Schmidt	John Lindeman	Mike Denery	

Absent:

Tamie Nimmo	Andrew Brown	Todd Ecker	Andrea Kraska
Jason Sellnow	Denita Wisniewski	Karin Nauber	

2. Approval of tonight's agenda- motion made by RaeAnn Waytashek, second by Devin Hines, motion carried. Approval of Minutes- Motion made by RaeAnn Waytashek, Second by Devin Hines, motion carried. Approval of Financials- Motion made by Melissa Burch, second by RaeAnn Waytashek, motion carried.
3. Introduction of New Community/Chamber Members
4. Tourism Report- Delivered and mailed out 84 packets
5. EDA Report- None
6. Government Reports
 - a. City
 - b. County
 - c. School- Per Mary Schmidt, transition went well to new school. They have approx 500 students and all is going well. Homecoming week is 9/30-10/4 with a parade on Friday 10/4. All businesses are welcomed.
7. Directors Report- Karin was out sick however we reviewed a few items on her behalf. RaeAnn Waytashek talked about the GrowMN interviews Karin conducted with Kathy from MN Chamber. Kathleen Nauber talked about Karin meeting with someone from Tourism and they are still discussing reimbursement from the tourism packets. Karin will review any other business at the next scheduled meeting.
8. Old Business-

- a. Golf Scramble- was another success. Thank you to all the teams and volunteers to help make it happen. The income was approx \$3965 with \$1500 in expense. We look forward to keeping this an annual event.
 - b. Burkett case- John Lindemann and Kathleen Nauber were able to make the short hearing on August 22nd. They both gave input on how that went. The judge is no longer extending this case, Kim also asked for permission to leave the state in order to find employment and see sick family. The judge did not grant this permission and only a per event if pre approved by the judge. We will notify the board as the next court date is set.
 - c. Chamber packets- The rate committee is meeting on Sept 23rd to review the rate sheets
 - d. Member Drive- work in progress
 - e. Tourism- Karin is working with Amy on this, she will update us at the next meeting
 - f. Website- will put our rate guide and application materials online once completed
 - g. Immigration Reform- Tammi Nimmo was not able to make it to the meeting therefore we will get an update from her at a later time.
 - h. Seminar Planning
- 9 New Business-
- a. Karin's Conference- need a motion to approve a standard 2 night stay while Karin attends the annual Chamber conference- motion to approve by RaeAnn Waytashek, second by Melissa Burch, motion carried.
 - b. Annual Meeting- discussed time and place of annual banquet. Banquet is usually in mid October, we need to determine a date, time and speaker. Several suggestions on speakers we are looking to contact, Secrets in Sports, Scott Savor, possibly a State Legislator, Ron Kresha? Should work on further discussion and action at October meeting.
 - c. Approve memberships/trade- It was discussed on trading fees for service with Bailey & Bacon, Radio Station and SA Graphics. We will approach these members and see if we can get a rate of their services and we will exchange actual checks per the advice of Bailey and Bacon.
 - d. Board terms. Need to start thinking about president and other offices. Please keep this in mind and if any interest on a position please let Karin or Kathleen know.
 - e. Mark Deterding- still negotiating for a meeting in our area on behalf of the Chamber.
 - f. Long Prairie Drive-In- Mike Denery is going to talk to the new owners and see if there is anything the Chamber can do to help them promote the drive in. It was discussed that everyone wants to see it succeed and we will do what we can to help assist.
 - g. Downtown- It is still a large concern as to how downtown looks. During discussion it was mentioned that possibly we could check with the City to see if there is a way to get more garbage cans on the sidewalks to help with some of the garbage trouble. Another idea was to contact the businesses on those streets and see if we can get a committee together to help with the updates, cleanup and general maintenance.
- 10 Meeting adjourned made motion by Mark Poegel and second by RaeAnn Waytashek. Motion carried at 5:45 p.m.