

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

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING & PRAIRIE DAYS, November, 2016 4:30 pm City Hall

Current Board Members: President- Tamie Barber, VP- RaeAnn Waytashek, Secretary- Clara Vancura, Treasurer- Ted Gray, Todd Ecker, Dave Determan, Denita Wisniewski, Peg Churchwell, Kelly Peterson and Clara Vancura

### 1- Call to Order/Roll Call

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions motion raeann; second todd

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

Addition of a new business item. Motion Denita; second todd, all in favor approved.

Approval of minutes. Motion Denita; second Luan, all in favor approved.

Financials approval, everything looks good. Motion Denita; second Todd, all in favor approved.

4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members: CLC called back about joining.

Possible members: Alex Tech, Matthew Breiter, Aksamit, Super 8, Budget Host, Steven Gould,  
Reds Bar, Minnesota Fresh Suggestions:

5- Tourism Report— about 40 in October

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

7- Presentations— none at this meeting

8- Director's Report-

Facebook- September 847 LIKES= increase of 9 since last meeting, ask a friend to like our page

Website visits- Page View –Week about 1500-2500 (Featuring our Own- Service Organizations

and Drive-In) Lions club, teaming up with Taylor from LP Leader for feature in newspaper with article and picture. Drive-in filling in the questionnaire.

Publicity/Advertising-

Advertising - Coloring Contest ½ page price – Still doing but with 1 page overall rather than ½ page and being run for one week and available in various places throughout the town. Also, already have some hung up at the Hart Mall and the picture is also going to be painted on a window down town.

9- Old Business

- a. Welcome Wagon/Bag/Basket – RaeAnn will be obtaining another quote from Cathedral Press
- b. T-Shirts/Long sleeves/Hoodies LP for Chamber Board members- bring to Cloud 9 – reminder to chamber board
- c. Pumpkin Pots on Main- moving and storing – Move on November 14<sup>th</sup> after the Veterans parade. A community member is picking up the pumpkins to use after those business's who want them pick their pumpkins up.
- d. Remarks- Halloween Trick or Treat - October 31<sup>st</sup> --Nothing but positive remarks. Idea from community members to bring the trunk or treat down town, Lu speaking with Pastor Andrew

## 10- New Business

- a. NJPA scholarship – Already in the budget, go ahead with a \$250 for a scholarship
- b. Bright Light Night- Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>  
Downtown:
  - Matinee Movie – *Elf* @ the Long Prairie Library at 2:30pm- It is free and popcorn will be served
  - 4-6pm Hart Mall activities: Santa 4-5pm, Cookie Decorating with Rachel Anderson, and more fun activities
  - Santa will be at the Hart Mall for an hour
  - 4pm Join Adrian Lee for the *Mysterious Midwest* book signing at the Christie House carriage house. Hot cider and goodies served
  - Hats Off Coffee will be serving free cookies and coffee for the holiday and the LPGE Singers will be singing for the public at 5pm.
  - PARADE 6:00pm
 Firehall:
  - After the parade come join the fun at the Long Prairie Fire Hall.
  - Fireworks : 7:30pm
  - Poster will be available fairly soon, Peg will be working on it then will be spread.

C. Career fair at LPGE high school – Tomorrow, 11/9/16 Many participants in the community, 50-60 people for the children to speak with.

**11- Adjourn** -- Adjourn at 4:57pm, motion Denita; second Todd, all in favor passed.

Our Core Values :

- Promotion of Chamber Businesses
- Leadership Development
- Proactive Community Leadership
- Information Hub