

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.

## **AGENDA**

### **Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce**

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING & **PRAIRIE DAYS**, April 11, 2017 4:30 pm at **CITY HALL**

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

**1- Call to Order/Roll Call** 4:33PM called to order

**2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions** motion made by Ted, second RaeAnn, motion carried

**3- Approval of Minutes, Financial Report –**

Minutes: motion made by Clara, second by Ted, motion carried

Financial Report: Phil made comment via email that we are on budget and doing well. Motion made by RaeAnn, second by Ted, motion carried

**4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members:**

Possible members: Local Hockey Association (still early in their season), Midway Gas (will be joining in the near future)

Suggestions:

**5- Tourism Report—** Work-based learning program- Tara Hendrikson

Tara has been doing a great job with the tourism envelopes.

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

Nothing report at this time.

**7- Presentations—** No presentations at this meeting.

**8- Director's Report-**

Facebook- March LIKES 1017 = increase of 13 since last meeting, ask a friend to like our page

Featuring our Own- Todd County Veterans Services

– Next : Drive In or Pastimes – Both are now open, earlier this year

Publicity/Advertising-

**9- Old Business**

- a. Welcome Wagon/Bag/Basket & magnet- Ball rolling, but PUT ON HOLD till August/September. **Is requiring more time and effort that is not currently available due to upcoming programs (MS Tram, Prairie Days and Bridges)**
- b. Pots on Main- Moving forward, question about public water - See Brenda's email below

With the pots on Main Street. The City has and continues to help out with the program. This is what the city has done in past years.

- ✓ We can pick the pots up from the hart Mall fill pots with black dirt.-
- ✓ Once pots are filled with the plants we can drop off pots at the location you directed.
- ✓ At end of season we pick up pots and store at one of our city locations.
- ✓ In past years we never did anything with the pumpkins in the pots The city does not have to do anything with the pumpkins. The Talbatts do that after work, BUT this year only 19 businesses ordered pumpkins, so 6/7 pots had to be taken off Main Street , so that might be the issue next year too. That means mid-October, there may be pots that need to be taken off Main Street. **nor did we do anything with public water.** Outside my window at the Chamber office there is a spigot for water, could the Chamber pay the City for the gallons of water we use and use that water supply? Then I would not have to use Mike Wolters water supply. Yes, Lu will be obtaining a water key for public water access. MN National Bank is willing to donate their golf cart on watering days.

- c. MS TRAM- moving forward – still looking for volunteers
  - a. Still working on organization for the volunteers
  - b. Luggage is being taken care of with coordination with the city via Brenda Thomes and LPGE High School Sports Teams

## 10- New Business

- a. Learning Luncheon- Initiative Foundation
  - a. May, 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> are potential dates for the Initiative Foundation
  - b. Great River Regional Library is also interested in doing a learning luncheon in the future, Fall
- b. Bridges- Job postings and Speaker Bureau
  - a. Job Postings available for students ages 14-18
  - b. Lu will be involved with asking businesses to be willing to post job openings on this website. Media release being sent out to local news sources.
  - c. LPGE school is very interested in this opportunity and Lu will be helping with presentation to students for this job posting opportunity for them.
  - d. Also has a "Speakers Bureau" as an extension of a career fair to help link working professionals with teachers and their students
- c. Vote in new Board Member – Theresa Sorenson
  - a. Theresa provided a wonderful view into her personal life as well as her job for our Veterans via her position at the Todd County Veterans Services
  - b. Motion made by RaeAnn to vote Theresa onto the board, second by Peg, motion carried

- d. Vote in new Board Member – Andy Otremba
  - a. Motion made by Peg to vote Andy onto the board, second by Ted, motion carried
- e. RaeAnn’s term has now ended
  - a. This is her last official meeting though she will continue to attend to follow what is going on as Andy is unable to attend for the next few meetings due to his coaching position

**11- Adjourn** Motion to adjourn by Clara, second by Ted, motion carried. Adjournment at 5:44PM

Our Core Values :

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