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

<u>Current Executive Board Members</u>: President- Josiah Tonder, VP Jeremiah Zahnow, Secretary- Clara Vancura, Treasurer- Denita Wisniewski

Board Members: Todd Ecker, Andy Otremba, Sarah Amundson, Micki Czech

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – Monthly MEETING 03:30 PM @ City Hall

MEETING

- 1-Call to Order/Roll Call:
- 2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions
- 3- Approval of Minutes, addition, Financial Report
- 4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members: American Family Ins. New Owner
- **Ask about 100.7 KIK FM in Alexandria.
- 5- Director's Report-

Facebook- February followers 3736

Webpage- Featuring our Own- Women in Business



6- Old Business

- a. Growth Zone update Marketing module and Fundraising module extra cost? See attached
- b. Upcoming Events updates: Networking events, Cinco de Mayo, Prairie Days, Concert in the Park, MS Tram
- c. Fundraising efforts
- d. Tourism \$ ask for marketing costs
- e. Discussion about our core values & mission statement- HOMEWORK & 2023 Strategic Goals

7- New Business

- a. New board members search- Greg Standafer and Amy Allen??
- **8- Adjourn** Our Core Values : Promotion of Chamber Businesses, Leadership Development, Proactive Community Leadership, Information Hub

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

2023 Strategic Goals

- 1. Increase Chamber Membership
 - a. Secure 15 new members in either Long Prairie or the surrounding area.
 - b. Show non-members the value of membership by introducing them to the Chamber Website, Facebook page and Membership Benefits flyer.
- 2. Retain Current Membership
 - a. Make members feel valued by visiting and calling. Focus on connecting with at least 5 dormant members each month to check-in and remind them of the available membership benefits.
 - b. Promote and share business events and content via the chamber website, Facebook, GMLP Breakfasts, radio, emails etc.

On going

- 3. Brand the LPACC as the information Hub of Long Prairie
 - Send out Bi-weekly emails utilizing direct links for advertisements and events.
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 - Update the chamber website monthly to ensure it is an efficient and effective way to connect the community with resources
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- 4. Organize Community Development Opportunities
 - a. Facilitate a minimum of 3 classes/workshops per year on various topics. Events can be either in person or virtual.
- Budget
 - a. Establish a budget committee to meet quarterly to discuss financials.
 - b. Ensure community events are budget positive.

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