

## **Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

The noon meeting was called to order by President Mike Rowe on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Subway. Board Members present were President Mike Rowe, Vice President Nick Pawlenty, Treasurer Kathy Hennen, Secretary Caleb Haag, Scott Chantland, Doug Lindenfelser, and Lorie Hegle.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting were sent with meeting notice. A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Nick Pawlenty to approve the secretary's report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Hennen reported the balances as follows: Total chamber checking account is \$9,565.10 with \$5,562.97 for the general fund, \$4,002.13 for the Industrial Development Group. Maker's and Grower's checking balance is \$22,169.25. The Gearhead checking balance is \$24,394.51. Lord Abbett Investment fund is \$28,055.93. A motion was made by Nick Pawlenty and second by Scott Chantland to approve the treasurer's report.

**Old Business:** The total revenue from this year's raffle ended up being \$1,915.82. This is down about \$150 from last year. It was reported that there were a lot of lost tickets this year, likely due to the amount of time from them being sent out to the raffle ending. The Board discussed changing the time frame to June-September and asking for volunteers to sell at Maker's and Grower's markets. It was decided to bring the discussion up at the January chamber meeting to the general membership to see what they think regarding the raffle, or if we should do something different.

**Electronic Sign Discussion:** Mike Rowe stated that the engineers for the sign were out this week and the anticipated installation will be between now and Christmas. No responses yet from the Library or MP NexLevel regarding donations.

**Fall Craft Sale:** Kathy Hennen stated we had a net profit of \$2,500 with just the school rental fees to come. This is about \$700 more than last year. We will also be raising the fee for spaces \$5 for the spring.

### **New Business:**

**Christmas in Maple Lake:** The Maple Lake Royalty has done a great job of fundraising, taking in about \$2,670 worth of donations. They are also receiving gift bag donations from Lundeen's Ford to give to the first 400 people after taking pictures with Santa. Event takes place from 10am-2pm on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**2026 Dues Increase:** Due to rising costs, the Board discussed raising the chamber dues for 2026. After looking at other area chambers, the Board decided to enact a tiered system for membership dues. Tiers are as follows:

- \$100: Nonprofit organizations/Individuals
- \$150: Small Businesses with 1-6 full-time employees
- \$200: Mid-Size Businesses with 7-40 Full-time employees
- \$300: Large Businesses with 41+ Full-time employees

A motion was made by Nick Pawlenty and second by Doug Lindenfelser to approve the new chamber dues.

**Board Member Nominations:** The Board discussed who to speak to regarding nominations for Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Kathy Hennen stated she is willing to do one more term and train/help the new person. No matter what, she will be done after another term. Caleb Haag volunteered to continue as the Chamber Secretary. Nominations will be accepted at the next chamber meeting.

**Commercial General Liability policy payment:** A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Nick Pawlenty to approve payment for the Commercial General Liability policy in the amount of \$2,302.

Our next chamber board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at noon at Subway. A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Scott Chantland to adjourn the meeting.

**Caleb Haag, Secretary**