Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce
The noon meeting was called to order by President Nick Pawlenty on November 4, 2026 at Madigan's. There were13 voting members present and 2 honorary members present. Current paid membership is 78. Welcome to new members: Edina Realty, CSP Properties, and Minnwest Bank.

Secretary's Report:
A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Mike Nix to approve the October 4th meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:
Kathy Hennen presented the Treasurer's report. Balances are as follows: Chamber checking account total was $15,672.19 with $11,670.06 in the general fund and $4,002.13 in the Industrial Development Group. Gearhead checking account was $25,503.94 with $24,634.56 belonging to Gearhead group and $869.38 belonging to the Snow Machine group. Makers and Grower's checking is at $22,631.68 and the Lord Abbett investment account is at $9,037.43.
Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion by Jayme Wickman and a second by Megan Reichel.

Government Report:
City Council Election Results were: Lynn Kissock (Mayor), Shelly McAlpine, and Natt Bougie (4-year terms) and Amy Topel (2-year term). Truth & Taxation hearing is December 1st at the City Council meeting. A park/pavilion survey is currently underway.

Committee Reports:
Gearhead Get Together: No update.
Industrial Development Group: No update.
School Report: No update.
Makers & Growers: Year 5 planning has begun; Sponsor letters will be sent out soon. The 4th annual Puzzles, Pizza & Pitchers (PPP) fundraiser is scheduled for February 21st at the Maple Lake Legion (details to follow).
St. Patrick's Day Parade: Planning for the 50th Annual Parade is underway. Secured three 20x20 heated tents from Greg Thomes. Upcoming events include a bingo card distribution (1 month before the parade) and a scavenger hunt on parade day (details to follow).

Old Business:
Trick or Treat: Successful event held. Downtown had around 240 kids.
Fall Craft Sale: November 14th, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Elementary School gym (37 vendors registered so far). Breakfast and lunch provided by Robotics and/or Cheer team from the high school.
Christmas in Maple Lake: Planning is underway featuring Santa & Mrs. Claus, Holy Cow! Petting Zoo, balloon artists, s'mores, hot chocolate, and hot cider. This year we are collecting monetary donations and cold-weather hats/gloves for Compassion Connection (foster/adoptive family support). Sponsorship/donation pledge deadline is November 14th (sponsors will receive signage, ad, and social media recognition).

Wine Tasting will be November 18th at 7:00 PM at the Maple Lake Legion.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 2nd at noon at the V by HH.

Lorie Hegle, Co-Treasurer
(For Caleb Haag who was absent)