

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

The noon meeting was called to order by President Mike Rowe on November 5th, 2025 at Madigan's. There were 14 voting members present. Current paid membership 71.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Cathy Elfstrand and second by Doug Lindenfesler to approve the secretary's report from the October 1st, 2025 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Balances were read as follows: Chamber checking account total was \$11,857.40 with \$7,855.27 for the general fund and \$4,002.13 for the Industrial Development Group. Maker's and Grower's Checking is \$22,169.25. Gearhead checking is \$24,394.51, and Lord Abbett Investment \$28,055.93. A motion was made by Julie Hudek and second by Doug Lindenfesler to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Government Report: No Update.

School Report: The school is working on Thanksgiving Baskets and will be holding a competition between grades as to which one can bring in the most items to donate. The winning class/grade will win an ice cream party.

Committee Reports:

Gearhead Get Together: The committee is looking for a new person to recruit and coordinate the food vendors that participate during the event. If you are interested, contact Scott Chantland or John Rivers for more details.

Maker's and Grower's Market (Formerly Small Business Group): No Update. Please note that next year there will only be 5 events, with the last event occurring in September.

Industrial Development Group: The Industrial Development Group and Wright County Economic Development Group held a seminar for kids and businesses regarding the automated systems used in the local industrial block of Maple Lake. They are hoping to hold another one where the businesses can talk with interested students next spring.

Old Business:

Fall Craft Sale: The craft sale currently has 69 spaces taken by 54 vendors. We are currently sitting at \$2,420 in profit for this year. The rates for vendors will likely increase for Spring, as the school's rental rate will be increasing.

Christmas in Maple Lake: The Event is scheduled for December 6th, 2025. They have received donations of Bike's and TV's for prizes. Santa pictures will be located at Sunfish Dental. Reindeer will also be in attendance this year.

Raffle Fundraiser Report & Drawing: Caleb Haag reported that the raffle did ok, but there is room for growth. As of right now we are standing at a \$1,990 profit. We will also likely ask for volunteers next year to sell the tickets at a booth at the Maker's and Grower's market. The winners were drawn and as follows:

\$500- Donna Brever

\$250- Terri Gunderson

\$100- Scott Chantland

Business Trick or Treat: Rhonda Pagel reported that despite the weather, there seemed to be a pretty good turnout. The Library stated they had around 400 kids this year, but that number could be a little higher than thought. 18 businesses officially participated this year.

New Business:

Christmas Lights Discussion: It was brought up that some people are disappointed with the number of lights during the Christmas season in Maple Lake and asked for the chamber to do something about it. After discussion, it was decided that it's tough to make any decisions when most of this is handled by the city. John Rivers suggested that we form a committee to communicate plans to the city. Rhonda Pagel nominated John for the Chair of this committee, and it was second by Nick Pawlenty. Joel Carlson from KRWG also agreed to join the committee.

Board Positions: Positions of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are open for 2-year terms beginning January 1st, 2026. Think about nominations for next meeting or stepping forward to volunteer yourself.

Our next noon meeting will be held at Bethlehem UCC on December 3rd, 2025. A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Cathy Elfstrand to adjourn the meeting.

Caleb Haag, Secretary