

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

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

The noon meeting was called to order by President Nick Pawlenty on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Subway. Board Members present were President Nick Pawlenty, Vice President Doug Lindenfelser, Co-Treasurer Kathy Hennen, Co-Treasurer Lorie Hegle, Secretary Caleb Haag, and Scott Chantland. Mike Rowe was absent.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting were sent with meeting notice. A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Doug Lindenfelser to approve the secretary's report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Hennen reported the balances as follows: Total chamber checking account is \$15,229.58 with \$11,227.45 for the general fund, \$4,002.13 for the Industrial Development Group. Maker's and Grower's checking balance is \$23,266.35. The Gearhead checking balance is \$25,181.34. Lord Abbett Investment fund is \$28,706.61. A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Scott Chantland to approve the treasurer's report.

### **Old Business:**

**Electronic Sign Discussion:** Still waiting for installation.

### **New Business:**

**Food Vendor Certificates:** Members of the chamber board, Paul Manuel, and the City of Maple Lake got together to clarify the insurance requirements of food vendors that operate within the city during Chamber events. After discussion, it was decided that Caleb Haag and Paul Manuel would be the ones in charge of collecting certificates. They will then be requesting renewal certificates as the policies renew throughout the year. The city will discuss adopting a new resolution, lowering the liability requirements from \$1.5 million per occurrence to \$1 million per occurrence at their next meeting. This is more in line with industry standards and is the same coverage the chamber has on our liability policy. A motion was made by Caleb Haag that, pending city modifications, the chamber will require food vendors during chamber events to have liability limits that match the chamber's policy, along with adding the chamber as an additional insured on their policy. The motion was second by Scott Chantland.

**2026 Budget:** Treasurer Kathy Hennen presented the board with the budget for 2026. A motion was made by Caleb Haag and second by Lorie Hegle to approve the budget for 2026.

**Chamber Business & Member of the year:** The board received nominations for the following for chamber Business of the year:

- Maple Lake Messenger
- King's 46 Wine Bar
- Spooky Brew Coffeehouse
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And the following for Member of the year:

- Nick Pawlenty

After discussion, a motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Kathy Hennen to approve Spooky Brew Coffeehouse for Chamber Business of the Year and Nick Pawlenty for Chamber member of the year. Nick Pawlenty abstained from the vote.

**Grand Marshal & Community Service Award:** A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Scott Chantland to award the Grand Marshal award to Al & Julie Hudek, and the Community service award to Linda Rassat.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade:** Nick Pawlenty stated that there are currently 45 units signed up for the parade so far. He is going to keep the food trucks to just snack/appetizer items to entice the crowd to visit our local dining options.

**Spring Craft Sale:** Kathy Hennen reported that there are currently 48 vendors attending, filling up 59 spaces. 18 vendors of the 48 are new vendors. Currently the profit is at \$2,100.

**Chamber Social:** The Board discussed options for the chamber social for next year, and whether it should be a seated dinner or just the same appetizers option. The Board will be exploring these options, with the hope of doing a seated dinner where attendees pay for their own food to entice more businesses to attend.

This year the chamber social will be taking place on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Maple Lake Legion from 5-7pm.

**Monthly Meeting changes:** To entice more businesses to attend the monthly chamber meeting, the board will be discussing with the general membership changing to morning coffee and donuts meetings at 8am, with the first occurring in May after the current cycle of restaurants. The board will also offer a sign-up sheet for businesses to sign up to host the meeting at their local business.

Our next chamber board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at noon at Subway. A motion was made by Nick Pawlenty and second by Mike Rowe to adjourn the meeting.