

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

The noon meeting was called to order by President Nick Pawlenty on February 4th, 2026. There were 10 voting members present. Current paid membership is 44.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Mike Rowe to approve the secretary's report from the January 7th, 2026 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Balances were read as follows: Chamber checking account total was \$13,000.12 with \$8,997.99 for the general fund and \$4,002.13 for the Industrial Development Group. Maker's and Grower's Checking is \$22,56.35, Gearhead checking is \$25,406.34, and Lord Abbett Investment \$28,708.61. A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Julie Hudek to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Government Report: City administrator position is down to a final list. Chamber President Nick Pawlenty will be in attendance for an interview with these finalist candidates to represent the chamber.

School Report: Today was Irish Adventures Day, where high school students with less than 10 absences and passing their classes get to go to various locations varying from the Mall of America, Top Golf, and Dave & Busters.

Committee Reports:

Gearhead Get Together: The Wall of Death will be returning this year. The committee is also still looking for a Food Coordinator for the event. The Snow Machine event will be taking place on February 22nd.

Maker's and Grower's Market: Sponsorships are starting to come in. There is also a Pizza, Puzzles, and Pitchers fundraiser event at the Maple Lake Legion on February 15th.

Industrial Development Group: No update.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Currently there are 30 parade floats and 3 food vendors scheduled. Nick Pawlenty stated he is looking for more volunteers to help him plan the event. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Nick.

Spring Craft Sale: We currently have 43 Vendors filling 53 spaces, with 15 of those vendors being new to the sale.

Old Business:

Chamber Business & Member of the Year nominations: If you have nominations for Chamber Business and Member of the Year, please **email** them to a board member or submit them to PO Box 461, Maple Lake, MN 55358. Deadline for nominations is February 6th.

New Business:

Chamber Social: The chamber board asked the general membership for ideas to increase attendance at the Chamber Social this year. Changing the date to the summer was discussed, while also changing from appetizers to a full dinner where RSVPs are required. The Board will be discussing these options at the next meeting and will update the rest of the chamber with any decisions.

Our next noon meeting will be held at Madigan's on March 4th, 2026. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and second by Kathy Hennen to adjourn the meeting.

Caleb Haag, Secretary