

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

The noon meeting was called to order by President Nick Pawlenty on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Madigan's. There were 10 voting members present. Current paid membership is 61.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Mike Rowe and second by Denise Blizil to approve the secretary's report from the February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balances were read as follows: Chamber checking account total was \$23,633.80 with \$19,631.67 for the general fund and \$4,002.13 for the Industrial Development Group. Maker's and Grower's Checking is \$24,743.74, Gearhead checking is \$27,210.50, and Lord Abbett Investment \$28,708.61. A motion was made by Denise Blizil and second by Caleb Haag to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Government Report:** The city administrator position was not filled, and a new round of interviews will be taking place in the coming weeks.

**School Report:** Springs sports are starting next week. Playoffs are ongoing for the basketball team. Mike Rowe reported that there's a lot of illness in the school right now. There will be a Bingo for the PTA on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Mike also reported that the electronic sign is officially in Minnesota!

### **Committee Reports:**

**Gearhead Get Together:** No report.

**Maker's and Grower's Market:** The Pizza, Puzzles, & Pitchers event at the Legion recorded a record high number of teams, along with a record profit for the fundraiser. The Maker's and Grower's committee would like to thank **ALL** businesses for supporting the event and helping it grow.

There will also be meat raffle fundraisers coming up in April at King's 46 Wine Bar, as well as September and November at The V by HH.

**Industrial Development Group:** No update.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade:** The buttons are in! if you wish to sell or purchase any buttons, please contact Nick for more information. Currently there are 76 units in the parade, along with 3 food trucks attending. Pray for good weather!

**Spring Craft Sale:** Craft sale is full! There are 72 spaces for 58 vendors. 22 of the 58 vendors are new to the craft sale. The Craft sale takes place on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm.

### **Old Business:**

**Chamber Business & Member of the Year:** The awards were given as follows:

- Chamber Business of the Year- Spooky Brew Coffeehouse
- Chamber Member of the Year- Nick Pawlenty
- Grand Marshal- Al & Julie Hudek
- Community Service Award- Linda Rassat

The Chamber board would like to thank each award recipient for their dedication to the chamber, along with the community of Maple Lake and for helping businesses thrive. These recipients will be honored at the Chamber Social tonight, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 5-7pm at the Maple Lake Legion.

Our next noon meeting will be held at Bethlehem UCC on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Mike Rowe to adjourn the meeting.

**Caleb Haag, Secretary**

