

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce

The noon meeting was called to order by President Nick Pawlenty on April 1st, 2026 at Bethlehem UCC. There were 16 voting members present. Current paid membership is 69. The chamber welcomes Nelson Sanitation as our newest chamber member.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Linda Rassat to approve the secretary's report from the March 4th, 2026 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Balances were read as follows: Chamber checking account total was \$18,070.19 with \$14,068.06 for the general fund and \$4,002.13 for the Industrial Development Group. Maker's and Grower's Checking is \$27,369.49, Gearhead checking is \$27,773.33, and Lord Abbett Investment \$8,872.21. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and second by Rhonda Pagel 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: The electronic sign is officially up! If you want to advertise an event for your business, contact Mike. Chamber businesses can advertise free of charge. Spring sports have officially begun.

Committee Reports:

Gearhead Get Together: Printed materials will be coming soon. A second band has officially been booked, and the Wall of Death will be returning this year. Next year, the 15th anniversary of the event will be happening on August 21st.

Maker's and Grower's Market: The events will start officially on May 17th with the first market.

Industrial Development Group: No update.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: The day went well even though the weather was not the best. Nick was told that the Food vendors had a good day. Next year will be the 50th Celebration, so we are hoping to do something more. To do this, we are asking for more volunteers to make this the biggest and best year on record! First meeting will be happening sometime in May. Contact Nick if you are willing to help or have ideas.

Spring Craft Sale: This year was a huge success with 59 vendors filling up 78 spaces.

Old Business:

Chamber Raffle: Tickets will be distributed out soon. This year's raffle goes through the end of September. Get out and sell at least one book. Remember, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so make it count!

NEW MEETING TIME:

Beginning May 6th, 2026, the monthly chamber meetings will now be at 8am for coffee and donuts. This is being done to see if it increases attendance.

The first meeting will take place at Maple Lake City Hall. If you would like to host, please contact a chamber board member to get you on the calendar

Our next meeting will be held at **8 AM at Maple Lake City Hall** on May 6th, 2026. A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Paul Manuel to adjourn the meeting.

Caleb Haag, Secretary