

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce

The 8:00 am meeting was called to order by President Nick Pawlenty on August 5th, 2026 at The V by HH. There were 10 voting members present. Current paid membership is 74.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Julie Hudek to approve the minutes from the July 1st, 2026 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hennen provided the treasurer's report. Balances were read as follows: Chamber checking account total was \$15,846.24 with \$11,844.11 for the general fund and \$4,002.13 for the Industrial Development Group. Gearhead checking total was \$46,190.85. Maker's and Grower's Checking is \$26,557.91, and Lord Abbett Investment \$8,975.03. A motion was made by Mike Zieska and second by Nathan Karels to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Government Report: Currently working on the 2027 budget. There will be an open house on August 17th from 4-7 to go over the Safe Streets study that was performed the past couple years.

School Report: No update.

Committee Reports:

Gearhead Get Together: The Wall of Death setup is August 13th at 9 am if anyone wants to assist. The Butchery will be having a pre party on Friday the 14th.

Industrial Development Group: No update.

Maker's and Grower's Market: The events have been well attended this year with great weather. The next event is August 23rd, 2026. Currently 70 vendors and 7 food trucks are scheduled for the event. The V by HH will be hosting meat raffle fundraisers for the M&G Market during the month of September. Events will take place every Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

Old Business:

Raffle Fundraiser: Tickets have slowly been coming in. Drawing is at the October chamber meeting. Tickets need to be in by the end of September. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets at the Maker's and Grower's Market. Interested individuals should contact Caleb Haag at Lake Central. 320-963-3163 or chaag@lakecentral.bank.

50th Saint Patrick's Day Parade: The Parade committee presented many ideas to make the 50th parade special to the general membership. Ideas right now are a Plane Flyover, a Medallion Hunt contest, a Photo scavenger hunt, Passport stamps for local businesses throughout the month of March, a celebrity Grand Marshal, and a leprechaun dress up contest. There will be another parade meeting on August 20th at 2:00 pm at Spooky Brew for anyone that wants to lend their ideas.

Our next meeting will be held on September 2nd, 2026. If you would like to host, please email Secretary Caleb Haag at chaag@lakecentral.bank to get on the schedule. A motion was made by Kathy Hennen and second by Nathan Karels to adjourn the meeting.

Caleb Haag, Secretary