

**Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce
General Meeting
August 6, 2025, noon at Madigan's**

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 at Madigan's on August 6, 2025. Introductions were made, with one non paid member showing interest in joining the Chamber- The Fitte Shoppe, Amy Ellestad.

Current membership is at 70. We also welcomed a new Chamber Member, EAA 878, Inc (airport).

Minutes were motioned by Lorie Hegle and seconded by Paul Manuel. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Chamber general account \$5,036.96, Industrial Development Group \$4,002.13, Gear-Head checking \$30,334.50, Makers and Growers \$24,672.77 and the Lord Abbett Account \$28,672.77. A motion was made by Paul Manuel and seconded by Cathy Elfstrand. Motion Passed.

Government Report was given by Scott Hildebrandt and reported a Pickleball Court Dedication August 11 at 6 p.m.

School Report was given by Mike Rowe and reported the All Star Clown Show will be August 9 in the Elementary Gym and for family of all ages. Fall sports will begin August 11 at the school. Elementary gym construction is done, and the playground is very close to completion.

Gear-Head report was given by Scott Chantland. There will be a pre-party event Friday August 15 hosted by the Butchery of Maple Lake and will feature Josh Parisian as a musical guest. Event will be held 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Posters are available for businesses. Two more meetings will be held for the Gear-Head crew and preparing for the event. Knights of Columbus will be there to assist, Scott showed his gratitude for their help.

Makers and Growers was reported by Lorie Hegle and she said July was their biggest event in their history. Their next event will be August 24. Hegle also mentioned that the October Makers and Growers will feature old tractors, hay bales and pumpkins for attendees to take photos or check out.

The Industrial Development group reported that they met with Bernatello's after hearing that their production building will be halting any progress. They offered help to Bernatello's and will continue to report on any future happenings.

Mike Rowe adjourned the meeting at 12:45 with a motion from Cathy Elfstrand and seconded by Mike Nix. Motion Passed. The next meeting will be held September 3 at the American Legion.