

**Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce  
General Meeting  
September 3, 2025  
Noon at the American Legion**

Meeting was called to order at 12:07 at the American Legion on September 3, 2025. There were 12 members present. Introductions were made by those present.

Minutes were motioned by Cathy Elfstrand and seconded by Linda Rasset. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Chamber general account \$6,135.66, Industrial Development Group \$4,002.13, Gear-Head checking \$26,353.38, Makers and Growers \$23,932.17 and the Lord Abbett Account \$28,055.93. A motion was made by Greg Thomes and seconded by Rhonda Pagel. Motion Passed.

Government Report was given by Scott Hildebrandt and reported an EDA meeting that will bring grant opportunities and business funding for Maple Lake and its businesses.

School Report was given by Mike Rowe and reported that Star Bank once again put on a really nice luncheon for teachers and staff up at the school. Star Bank has done this every year for 20 plus years. Homecoming week is September 8-12, earlier than the usual October date, and will include a tailgate party put on by the PTA groups and the school's Booster Club for the Football game during Homecoming.

Gear-Head report was given by Scott Chantland. Gear-Head Get Together 2025 was a huge success, except for the big rains that hit in the morning hours when the event began. Many businesses missed out on the early morning rush, but once the skies turned to sun the event was well populated.

Makers and Growers was reported by Lorie Hegle and she said there are only two more events left. 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 did not meet, so there was nothing to report.

The 2025 Fall Craft Sale was reported on by Kathy Hennen and let the Chamber know 29 vendors and 38 spaces have already been signed up for, with more still coming in. The event will be November 8, 2025.

Rhonda Pagel reported on the Business Trick or Treat for this year- the event will be held on Halloween, Friday October 31. She mentioned they will run ads in the paper on the 22nd and 29th of October and will make sure to reach out to businesses to get their names in the ad if participating.

The electronic sign located in front of the School will be collaborated between the school and the Chamber in the amount of around \$20,000 from each entity, totaling around \$40,000. The sign will be much bigger and more visible, and will not change location from where the existing sign is at. Any discussion on the sign was given to the membership, with no discussion following. A motion was made by Lorie Hegle to move forward with the new sign and seconded by Mona Volden.

Mike Rowe adjourned the meeting at 12:24 with a motion from Linda Rasset and seconded by Mona Volden. Motion Passed.

The next meeting will be held October 1st at the V by HH.