

Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce
Date of meeting: February 11th, 2025
6:30 PM - River Community Church

Chamber Board Members in Attendance: Officers: President-Nate O’Bryan, Vice-President: Amber Larson, Treasurer: Amber Uphoff, Board Members: Mark McGraw Executive Director: Matthew Larson

Others in Attendance: Mayor Tom Earley-City Liaison, Janet DeGraw, Rebecca Fritz, Susan Hovey

The meeting was called to order by President Nate O’Bryan.

Approval of Minutes: Mark made a motion to approve the January Secretary minutes as printed; seconded by Amber U; minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Deposits \$925.75; Expenses \$10,507.02. Mark made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s report; seconded by Amber L, report approved.

Guests to be Heard: Susan provided the board with information about the Citizen of the Year Committee. They are in need of more committee/board members. Amber L agreed to be on that committee representing the Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce.

Executive Director Report:

1. Matt gave his report and noticed the following items:
 - a. A new section called “Business Resources” was added to the website. Updates are continuing to be made to improve the website.
 - b. He has begun looking at costs for building an app. Matt will continue to look for other companies/ways to get an app built. No motion was made.
 - c. The District 25 Legislative Coffee will be held on Saturday, March 1st at 10:00. A new location needed to be found, and Rebecca said that Quest Church could host.
 - d. Matt is beginning to look at new designs for the Community Guide and will start building that because a request was made to have new ones ready by mid May.

Old Business:

1. Chamber Bucks Discussion:
 - a. Another discussion was held about a Chamber Bucks program. Concerns were raised about the cost of the card program. Matt was asked to gather more information about a paper check program that is similar to Marshall, MN. A decision was tabled.
2. Annual Banquet Discussion:
 - a. Amber L motioned to comp the meals of the board members. Mark seconded. Motion approved.
3. Fireworks Proposal:
 - a. Nate presented a proposal for a fireworks display at the same cost as last year, and urged that we lock in the price before tariffs set in. Mark motioned, Amber U seconded. Motion passed.
4. Street Dance Update:
 - a. Nate gave an update about the Street Dance. The committee is having another meeting on Monday, February 17th to finalize more details about the event. No decisions needed to be made.

Adjourn: Amber U made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mark seconded. Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: March 11th, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at River Community Church

Minutes Taken By: Matt Larson due to the absence of Theresa