

**Isle Area Chamber of Commerce Agenda**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - 6:00 pm**  
**Century21 - Atwood**

**Call to order: 6:05pm**

Meeting called to order by President Daron Stenvold. In attendance, President: Daron Stenvold - Impel Authority Marketing, Vice President: Don Dahlen - City + Airport , Treasurer: Linda Dahlen - Accounting, Bakery Owner, Secretary: Danie Powell - DanieGeo Productions, Ronda Bjornson - Century21, Johnny Becker - Teal's Market, Kelly LaBrosse - Century21, Montana - First National Bank, Joel Jameson - Faith Aerial and Paisley Swanson - Guest of Danie.

Isle area update, as of 2/27/2024 Linda bought the Isle Bakery.

Ronda motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Linda, passed unanimously. Ronda motioned to approve January meeting minutes, seconded by Don, passed unanimously. Ronda motioned to approve financial report, seconded by Linda, passed unanimously.

After some discussing motion to move the membership renewal to once a year, sending out notices at the beginning of December and they are due by January / February. Members can choose to pay digitally or by check. Going to pro-rate the amount for the first of the year starting in 2025. Danie motioned to once a year membership renewal, seconded by Joel, passed unanimously. New website 'Memberworks' can help track membership renewals as well. Linda going to send letter to members to notify the members about the change.

Planning now for Annual meeting in March 19th (Date reason - usually the 4th week, moved up a week for Holy week). Finalizing details for the Annual Meeting – caterers and venue are set, but we need input on auctions, entertainment, and more. Linda will be getting wine from Johnsons Portside. Linda going to pick up silent auction piece from Jason Beamish. Ronda going to connect with Wahkon businesses for donations. Proceeds from silent auction last year went into general fund. The idea of the silent auction proceeds to putting money into promoting the Chamber Bucks. That will help support shopping local and promote local business. Ronda motioned to put the silent auction proceeds to go toward Chamber Bucks, seconded by Joel, passed unanimously.

Upcoming community event: March 23 WAVE Chili Cook Off - Tullibee Tavern starting at noon.

Opportunity open to join the general board. Joel joined as a board member, Ronda agreed to being a board Director, and Montana will help with Secretary notes.

Linda made a motion to change the calendar in the Bylaws to start in March, seconded by Ronda, passed unanimously.

Reminder the Educator of the Year is awarded end of May / start of June - email nomination form from Linda.

Reminder that there is need for more Student of the Quarter - need more gifts, 12 items for each student, get to Nick Skogen.

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New member voted into the Chamber, Mille Lacs County Fair, motioned to approve by Linda, seconded by Ronda, passed unanimously.

Motion to pay for the filing of the taxes (tax return) motioned by Joel, seconded by Kelly, passed unanimously.

Motion to reimburse Linda for the purchases of the plaques by Ronda, seconded by John, passed unanimously.

The fish at FNBank is falling apart. Several businesses got together back when Steve Reis bought HW Hank, raised the money and put in the fish. Linda will head up fundraising if Chamber approves spearheading the effort. Guessing \$5k ish. Money going in and out - donations in and money out for the fish. Ronda motioned to approve the fundraiser, seconded by Joel, passed unanimously.

Kelly found info on the Garrison Fish refurbishment, Hickory Lake Auto - Larry Karpen 218 678 3838, Rebuilding and restore took about 3 weeks.

Next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on March 19th and McQuoids Event Space.

Community note that the Doma space owners had been looking for renters for the space.

Linda motioned to adjourn at 7:04pm, seconded by Joel and passed unanimously.