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Present: Steve Volkert, Brian Gibbs, Dave Norton, Mary Jo Winkenwerder, Jane Waniger, Mae & Greg Kosciuk, Connie & Grace Keller, Jolene Johnson, Mary & Josh Toll, Kathy Grace, Janet Koeune, Amy Verkuilen, Andy Beiser

Approval of minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes by Dave Norton, and seconded by Mary Jo Winkenwerder

Adopt Agenda: Motion was made to adopt agenda by Dave Norton and seconded by Mary Jo Winkenwerder

President's report: Helen Thomson reported that the board wants to have speakers at the member meetings – a suggestion from the group was an investment banker.

Dennis Reimer, Doug Nelson, Helen Thomson and Kathy Grace will be attending the workshop "Financing Options for Small Business" through the Small Business Center at UW-O on February 24th. Anyone can attend, \$25 must be paid by attendee.

Still need a chair for the carnival/Rummage sale. Dave Norton and Mary Jo Winkenwerder volunteered to chair Holiday on the Wolf. Kathy Grace suggested marketing this with Omro since they have their holiday event on the same day.

Board will be starting a Chamber community breakfast at 6:45 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Jackie's Parkside. Any one can attend to discuss concerns as business people, get advice, give advice, etc.

Presentation: Mae Kosciuk and Jolene Johnson talked about the need for employment opportunities for special needs citizens in our community. Bridge (Young adults working in our communities) has been created to help address this need. The program is looking for businesses that are willing to have young adult special needs students help in their businesses (with mentoring). Currently this is a volunteer basis but hoping that some time in

the future some of them could be paid. Grace Keller, Josh Toll and Corrin Kosciuk made great cookies for us.

Jay Schroeder, candidate for Winnebago County Executive addressed the group.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Dave Norton, seconded by Amy Verkuilen.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Grace