

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2014

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bob Stoeckel, Scott Kesti, Julie Stoeckel and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete & Sherri Logan, Alicia Burgers, Su Ugstad, Cherri & Elizabeth Frick, Dan Russell, Dennis Stefan, Howard Prushek, Kathy Bullock

GUESTS: Allyson Strobel

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Bob Stoeckel
- Additions and approval of agenda – **There are two additions to new business: Easter & TN&N ad for bids**
- Motion to accept agenda

M/S/P S Dickinson/S Logan/Passed

- Meeting minutes from the last meeting were looked over: Amendments were made in the following areas:
 1. Under New Business/Caboose: Pete stated that a coat of primer should be put on the inside before painting; he did not volunteer to paint the inside of the caboose
 2. In that same section: Julie Stoeckel is not on the Caboose Committee
 3. Under Sherri Logan/TN&N: I had November 2013 and it is actually 2012
 4. In that same section: The lease end date is not March 31st; it was February 1st and it is now on a month to month basis
 5. In that same section: after Ted Frick asked the Logan's if they would be interested in purchasing TN&N – they stated that they might be and Kristian Myers stated for the record that: The Chamber offered it to them, they did not ask to purchase it
 6. In that same section: the very last item – the Financial Committee had to meet after the regular board meeting to discuss TN&N's donation of \$200 to the Sled Dogs races and at that time the Board and Finance Committee decided to meet on Friday, January 17th to discuss the impact of Sherri Logan's resigning from TN&N's on the Chamber & keeping TN&N open.
 7. The Minutes have been amended to show these changes
- Motion to accept the amended Minutes

M/S/P S Logan/P Logan/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Julie submitted the financial report
 - The endowment fund is at \$26,252 right now
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

M/S/P S Ugstad/D Russell/Passed

- **THRIFTY NIFTY & NEW REPORT:**
- Alicia submitted the financial report from January 1, 2013 to January 1 2014
- Sales were \$500 for three days this month
- Lots of local support
- Motion to accept the Thrifty Nifty & New Report

M/S/P D Russell/J Stoeckel/Passed

- **LIBRARY REPORT:**
- Now that Julie, the cleaning lady, is not able to come in, what do they do with their garbage
 - Howard Prushek is going to let them use his dumpster
- They applied for a grant from Crow Wing Power and were turned down
- They are looking for fundraising ideas

- They are preparing a grant for Lake Country Power; they received \$900 last year
- They are paying a woman to write these grants for them
- Kids for story time count is low – they have sent fliers home with the elementary
- Tuesdays they are getting 14 to 15 people
- Bookmobile is about the same; 14 to 15 people
- Writing a grant to Blandin's for a book drop they cost about \$3,000

M/S/P J Stoeckel/ D Russell/Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

- Festival of the Falling Snowflakes Update:
 - 12 teams – 3 pro and 9 amateurs
 - Served around 90 at the Chili cook-off
 - Took in \$600 before expenses – have a more accurate account next meeting
 - Still need more servers to help out next year – more help all the way around
 - Looking for pictures to post on Facebook and on the website
- Flier Update:
 - Checking with the printers: Minuteman used to be a member, Rapids Printing and check out Lakeland promotions in Longville
 - Not ready yet; pictures are needed; send them to Julie Stoeckel or to remerchamber@gmail.com
- Maintenance:
 - Valspar Grant is only for \$400 worth of paint and can only be painted by volunteers
 - 15 to 20 gallons of paint will be needed
 - It will be painted the original colors – yellow with maroon trim
 - Motion to put the project up for bids

M/S/P S Ugstad/S Logan/Passed

- Membership Dues: Today was the last day – if you did not pay you will be removed from the website – but you will be reinstated after you pay your 2014 dues
- Motion to accept Old Business:

M/S/P D Russell/S Logan/Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

- Library Lease is up: Allyson Strobel brought their amended lease in and The Board will be meeting to draw up a new contract and it will be presented at the next meeting
- St Patrick's Day Ad: Bob will be coming around to the businesses to see if they want to run an ad and a special for Monday, March 17th
- Bob will be placing a "Thank You" in the paper for all the helpers at the Festival of the Falling Snowflakes, the Dog Sleds races, chili winners, etc.
- Easter Egg Festivities: Saturday April 19th more at the next meeting
- TN&N Ad:
 - Running an ad for bids – bids are open until February 14
 - Has to be a public ad
 - Not trying to undercut anybody
 - The Chamber did meet to discuss our options/possibilities and get the ball rolling – The Board did what was most expedient with the time line
 - Who Decides?
 - The Board looks at all the bids submitted and brings their recommendations before the Chamber at the next meeting
 - The Board will meet Monday, February 17th at the Depot at 10 am to go over the Library Lease and the bids for TN&N

- What will be done with the proceeds from the sale and what's in the bank account will be discussed at the April Chamber Meeting
- The Board is comfortable moving forward
- Sherri Logan did submit a bid at the meeting

- Motion to Adjourn:

M/S/P D Russell/P Logan/Passed

**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:
March 11th
At The Depot**

Submitted by:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary

**HARVEST FESTIVAL MEETING TO FOLLOW
EVERYONE IS WELCOME
AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**