

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2014**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherri Logan, Ted & Cherri Frick, Dan Russell, Kathy Bullock, Pat O'Neil, Alyson Strobel, Walt & Carol Scollard

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Bob Stoeckel
- Additions and approval of agenda
- Motion to accept agenda

M/S/P D Russell/P O'Neil/Passed

- Meeting minutes from the last meeting were looked over
- Motion to accept minutes

M/S/P P O'Neil/D Russell/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Julie submitted the financial report
 - Sherri Logan asked where the money from TN&N Sale went; it has gone into the General fund
 - The following projects have been paid from the general fund: The Depot is being painted, Shop Local ad, Flyers and the new lights
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

M/S/P P O'Neil/D Russell/Passed

▪ **LIBRARY REPORT:**

- Alyson Strobel was there for the Library
- The Open House bake sale brought in \$450
- There were over 30 people at the book signing
- They will pay for a portion of the ad that the Chamber ran
- 8 kids have signed up for the summer reading program
- They have 4 new bookshelves coming; so the library will be rearranged to make room
- They are having a book and craft sale during Harvest Festival
- They have another Author coming for Fall Has It All

M/S/P J Stoeckel/P O'Neil/Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Shop Local Update:**
 - Library had a great turnout
 - Scott and Ted said that they had good traffic thru that day
 - Shop Local will continue every year the third weekend in June
- **Family Picnic/Bingo:**
 - Food was great – sold \$293 worth – will continue to deliver to the Muni
 - Bingo took in \$161
 - Thanks to Bonnie Renn and her Family!
- **Fall Has It All:**
 - Alicia could not be here but she told Bob things are moving right along
- **Depot Maintenance:**
 - Sara Holter is taking care of the plants – be sure and thank her for her hard work!
 - The Mill is donating a few loads of wood chips – Thank you too!
 - The outside lights are up
 - Holter's are now taking care of the lawn – 1st impressions are VERY important

- **Depot Painting:**
 - Almost done
 - Looks wonderful
 - Really draws attention to the building
- **Inside Caboose Painting:**
 - Pete Logan got the inside all primed
 - Pete G has started on the mural
 - The mural is \$2,000 – it will be done in two segments: one now and one when the inside reconstruction is done (lockers, bunk, seats, etc.)
 - Pete would like half when the first half is done and the other upon completion
 - When it is complete there will be pictures on the website and Facebook
 - The Chamber would like to have an open house when it is completed
 - There has to be safer access/stairway – maybe a deck with some tables
 - The Library is worried about liability – they have had children climbing on top of the caboose
- **Trail Webcam:**
 - The camera is up
 - Su is having problems streaming to the website
 - There are a couple people that may be able to assist her
- **Fundraising Ideas:**
 - Ted has an old cream can and in honor of the “Cream Can Bandits” have a softball toss at events. He would give out old Silver dollars as prizes and money raised would go to the Chamber
 - Do something at the Car Show this year during Fall Has It All
 - Halloween: Trick or Trunk – maybe a dance
 - Christmas Crawl
 - Snow Flake Festival
 - Hand painted caboose ornaments
 - Elongated penny machine – there is a website that advertises every machine
 - Plaques with names on the railroad ties: One per tie \$100, two on a tie \$50 each or four at \$25 each
 - Pie Auction at Turkey bingo
 - The Chamber had business cards made up to hand out to other vendors to attract them to Harvest Festival
 - Sell Hot dogs, popcorn, water and pop during Harvest Festival
 - Tee Shirts and sweat shirts
 - Seasonal memberships
- Motion to accept Old Business:

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NEW BUSINESS:

- **Street Decorations:**
 - All the banners have been removed
 - They are extremely wind resistant and don't last
 - The Christmas decorations are very old and not very cost efficient, they are being tossed
 - The bottom of the poles are rusting due to the salt
 - Forming a Committee with the City, the Chamber, The Lions, The Garden club and the Library to come up with different ideas

- The following have agreed to be on the Committee:
 - Walt for the Lions
 - Carol for the Garden Club
 - Pat O'Neil for the Chamber (623) 799-2151
 - Waiting to hear from Alyson to see who from the Library
- Once we have the Library person we will call Lisa to set up a meeting
- Ted and Scott would like to have their businesses added to the big sign by the Trading Post, Don Stefan is okay with it, but each business has to pay to have their name added, there would be room for at least three businesses to go on the additional panel
- Highway signs
 - Library, food, gifts, antiques – cost – rules and regulations?
- Motion to Adjourn:

M/S/P C Frick/K Bullock/Passed

**NEXT MEETING August 12th @ 5 pm
At The Depot**

There will be a Harvest Festival Meeting Tuesday, July 29^h at 5:30 pm

Submitted by:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary