

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2014**

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bob Stoeckel, Scott Kesti and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherri Logan, Alicia Burgers, Su Ugstad, Pat O'Neil, Shane Dugan, Walt & Carol Scollard, Alyson Strobel, Cheire Frick, Elizabeth Frick and Kathy Bullock,

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Bob Stoeckel
- Additions and approval of agenda – 3 Addition: Sherri Logan, Facebook Guidelines & Caboose
- Motion to accept agenda

M/S/P P O'Neil/W Scollard/Passed

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

M/S/P S Ugstad/W Scollard/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Bob submitted the financial report
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

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

THRIFTY NIFTY AND NEW REPORT:

- Alicia Burgers submitted the final financial report
- Sherri presented the Chamber with a check for \$11,235.69
- Sherri also has some ideas on where that money could be used: Put it into the endowment fund, Set up a fund just for advertising; Set up advertising/budget committee - Expanding beyond just the Remer area, Educational/Informational seminars, Set up a Scholarship: \$100 for books with businesses helping out & adding to the scholarship yearly - Put in for a grant from Operation Roundup to add to that Fund - Checking with Blandin's and Lake Country Power to see if they would contribute, Destination Magazine: They would like to do a feature on Remer next year - Ted and Bob advertised in it this year
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

M/S/P S Dugan/P O'Neil/Passed

LIBRARY REPORT:

- Alyson Strobel submitted the Library report:
 1. Two new members of the Board: Darlene Mejdrich and Nancy Stefan
 2. Summer reading program starts June 1
 3. Blandin gave a grant for a book drop
Installation: Must be secured and out of the way of the plow
 4. Open House June 21
 - a. Guest Speaker @ 2pm A Fochs author of "Lost Towns in Northern Minnesota"
 - b. Gift Basket drawing
 - c. Bake sale in the Depot
 - d. Shop Local/Shop Small
 5. Fall Has It All:
 - a. Guest Speaker @ 1 pm
 - b. Pie and Coffee fundraiser

Easter Update:

There were 90 kids
They had a baby lamb and bunny – BIG hit
Next time there won't be an end time – just start time

- Motion to accept the Library Report

M/S/P S Ugstad/W Scollard/Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

- Flier Update: Julie sent a prototype for everyone to look at. Would like to use a printer that is a member, going forward and getting prices
- Depot Maintenance Update: One bid from Scott Kesti - \$6,240 which includes: power washing, scraping, caulking, treating, painting two colors (the trim is a different color) and it will be done by Harvest Festival
- Motion to accept Scotts bid

M/S/P W Scollard/P O'Neil/Passed

- BLI Lighting Update: Bob ordered lights for the parking lot/ LCP will install when they come
- City Wide Rummage Sale: Deadline to sign up: May 15 – Maps will be available at area businesses, there will be an ad in the paper
- Fall Has It All Update:
 - Brochures are going to the Printers
 - September 20: Marty-graw at the Pub
 - September 27: Color Tour and Vintage Car Show
 - October 4: Sidewalk Sales, Library Festivities & Fall Fest
 - There will be a band in Remer in the afternoon
- Carpet Cleaning at the Depot/Library: Sunday, May 25th
- Shop Local/Library Open House: Saturday, June 21
 - Call Scott Kesti @ 952-393-3700 with ideas!
 - Hot dogs
 - Sidewalk Sales
- Motion to accept Old Business:

M/S/P I Frick/P O'Neil/Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

- Main Street Flower Pots:
 - Carol Scollard has 30 plants to donate
 - Chamber (Bob) will pull them out and put dirt in them
 - Carol will check with the Garden Club to see if they will put the plants in them

PLEASE WATER THE PLANTER IN FRONT OF YOUR BUSINESS!

- 4TH Of July/Bingo:
 - Renn's will do Bingo
 - Grill out and have a picnic at the Village Hall
- Depot Ground Maintenance:
 - Check with Jeff Sheldon at LCP about wood chips
 - Who is going to take care of the REMER signs at either end of town
 - The City and the Chamber have taken care of them in the past
 - The shrubs and plants need to be replaced
 - Carol will check on prices
- VFW War Veterans Memorial:
 - The wooden sign is rotten and is being replaced by a Granite Memorial
 - The Chamber would like to donate \$250 to help pay for it
- Motion to make a \$250 donation:

M/S/P P O'Neil/S Logan/Passed

- **Facebook Guidelines**:
 - Businesses that are not currently members are on the page

- All businesses should be on there – more exposure
- If you have a business like the Chambers page so Su knows you have a business and can like your page too

- **Caboose:**

- We can order plans on the restoration for the inside of the caboose
- Pete Gordienko will be painting a mural of the history of Remer inside the caboose
- Pete Logan will prime the inside
- Getting a bid from Pete Logan for the priming and stairs
- The chairs have to be reupholstered
- We will be building wooden lockers

- Motion to Adjourn:

M/S/P P O'Neil/W Scollard/Passed

**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:
June 10th
At The Depot**

HARVEST FESTIVAL MEETING TO FOLLOW!

Submitted by:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary