

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Olson, Alicia Burgers, Su Ugstad, Dan Russell, Shane Dugan, Pat O'Neil, Walt & Carol Scollard

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Bob Stoeckel
- Additions and approval of agenda
 1. Turkey Bingo and Pie/Baked Goods Auction
 2. Dog Sled Races/Festival of the Falling Snowflakes
- Motion to accept agenda

M/S/P W Scollard/J Olson/Passed

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

M/S/P D Russell/W Scollard/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Julie submitted the financial report and passed around the endowment fund report
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

M/S/P S Dugan/D Russell/Passed

LIBRARY REPORT:

- Jean Olson reported that the Library Trunk had 175 kids at Trunk or Treat this year
- Santa is coming on Saturday December 13; Santa will read a story and pass out candy
- The Library will be giving each child a new book

OLD BUSINESS:

Halloween Update:

- Alicia reported that 198 people went through the spook house
- Josh & Sam Swankier did an amazing job – great big thank you to them and everybody else who helped
- Next year they would like to leave it up all of October and have it open every weekend
- Ugstad's have donated Halloween stuff to the Chamber – thank you very much

Fish House Raffle Update:

- 300 tickets are out and some businesses are needing more – sell those tickets!

Flag Committee Update:

- City does not want to sell the snowflakes
- Thinking about big wreaths for the poles decorated with solar lights
- Milo Stefan is donating small trees for the barrels around town
- Walt and Carol will put them in the barrels
- Pat O'Neil donated a trailer to put a 50 gallon drum on to water the planters around Remer; Remer Iron Works is building a cradle to hold the barrel and the Chamber will pay for the cradle
- Have a contest for businesses to decorate the trees
- Maybe this year just have a judging committee instead of voting

Christmas Crawl Update:

- Thursday December - 18 5 to 8 pm

Depot Decorating Update:

- Ugstad's have the lights on the Caboose and the outside of the building
- They will be turned on after Thanksgiving
- Library and Su will work on decorating the inside of the Depot

Fund Raising Ideas Update:

- Vacation cost
- Voucher cost
- There are three travel agents in Grand Rapids Jean Olson will do some research
- Voucher will be worth \$1,000 – sell tickets for \$5 each – good for one year

Shane/School helping Update:

- Shane talked to Amy and Jennifer at the school – they did not have any answers or ideas
- Shane will talk to the new Band Teacher and the Athletic Director

Trail Cam Update:

- Jeff Sheldon said he could get us somebody who knows what they are doing; Su Ugstad will contact Jeff
- Find out the monthly cost
- Motion to accept Old Business:

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

NEW BUSINESS:**Vandalism:**

- At the Depot – someone drained the soap onto the floor and put a hole in the wall
- Josh fixed the small hole
- The Caboose is locked up and Pete G is done painting for this year
- Someone also tore up the Garden Clubs Halloween display
- The Depot is a MN recognized Rest Area – we cannot lock it up

Caboose:

- Would like to see it finished next year with a deck off the front and picnic tables

Habitat House:

- They have had 22 to 28 volunteers daily
- This is the 1st one in Remer – they hope to do many more

Harvest Festival:

- We need a new Chair Person – Bullocks have stepped down – Pat O'Neil will help but somebody else is needed
- Need prize ideas by the next meeting - \$5,000 Prize

Turkey Bingo & Pie/Baked Goods Auction:

- Sunday, November 23 at the Village Hall from 2 to 4 pm
- Please come play bingo and win a Turkey and donate a pie or some other baked goods
- The bank is working on signs for Turkey Bingo

Dog Sled Races/Festival of the Falling Snowflakes:

- Saturday February 14
- Starting and ending in Remer
- Chili cook off – need contestants

Chamber Christmas Party:

- Tuesday, December 9th – regular Chamber meeting
- Please bring food or baked goods to share
- Bob will be providing wine and meatballs
- Motion to Adjourn:

M/S/P W Scollard/D Russell/Passed

**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:
Tuesday, December 9 – Chamber Christmas Party
At The Depot**

Submitted by:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary