

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2014**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pete & Sherri Logan, Alicia Burgers, Pat O'Neil, Bob & Su Ugstad, Dan Russell, Shane & Donna Dugan, Shawn Dickinson, Vernon Chenevert, Dennis & Nancy Stefan, Bonnie Renn, Katie McMullen and Renee Brown

**GUESTS:** Terri Williams

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Bob Stoeckel
- Additions and approval of agenda
- Motion to accept agenda

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

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

**M/S/P            J Stoeckel/S Logan/Passed**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

**M/S/P            S Ugstad/S Dugan/Passed**

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

- Nancy Stefan reported that the book drop has been installed
- Santa is all set up to come to the Library on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) Fall Has It All Update – Alicia:**

- 63 buttons were sold this year – up from the 41 of last year
- Merchant participation doubled
- The color tour only had 4 cars this year
- We are going to continue participating
- Su reported that Remer is not in the Websites Title page; once you open it, Remer is listed
- Alicia will mention that at the wrap up meeting in November
- A few of the businesses present reported that they did see more traffic
- We need to sell more buttons – all 100 of them
- Scott asked if instead of buying buttons, could we use that money to just advertise FHIA – no

**2) Fall Fest Update - Bob:**

- The bake sale made \$372.50
- 17 fish house raffle tickets were sold
- 6 pumpkins were painted

**3) Vandalism @ the Depot Update – Bob:**

- The repairs are all done
- The young man has started paying his restitution
- If it happens again the Chamber will look at a security system

#### **4) Halloween Update – Alicia:**

- Josh & Sam Swankier are doing a haunted house from 5 to 8 at the Village Hall
- They are going to start set up this Sunday, October 19th and work on it again the following Saturday & Sunday October 25 and 26
- Your help is needed to help set up and work on Halloween
  - They need batteries, liquid for smoke machine and black tarps
- Ugstad's have some supplies they will loan them
- \$1 admission
- Flyers will be sent out with the elementary students
- Call Alicia at the bank if you want to help 566-2355 or Bob
- Coordinating with trick or treating in town from 4 to 6 and Trunk or Treating 5 to 7

#### **5) Raffle Update:**

- The fish house value is \$525
- There were 3,000 tickets printed up instead of 300 – if the original 300 can be sold, we will continue to sell more
- Drawing will be the day after the Christmas Crawl
- Do we want to add gear to the package

**Motion by Pat O'Neil No fishing gear will be added to the raffle/2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Ugstad/Passed**

#### **6) Flag Committee Update – Pat O'Neil:**

- The Garden Club is taking on more
- The idea is to go more floral than flags
- New planters are being looked at; something that will last longer and be movable
- Decorate the poles instead of hanging flags
- Have a contest – business decorations/decorate an evergreen
- Have a goofy passing trophy for the winner and a plaque with each yearly winning name on it
- Incorporate the voting into Christmas Crawl
- Each business would decorate a ballot box and merchants can vote with the Christmas Crawl being the final day to vote
- Announce the winner the next day along with the raffle winner
- There are 16 to 20 of the snowflakes available to businesses who want one
- Scott will be checking to see who wants one
- Motion to accept Old Business:

**M/S/P J Stoeckel/D Stefan/Passed**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1) Elections:**

- The only office open is for Secretary and Kim was unanimously voted back in
- There was discussion on breaking up the officers. President, Vice President and Treasurer come up for election at the same time
- President and Treasurer would be up for re-election on odd years – 2015 both are up
- Vice President and Secretary would be up for re-election on even years - 2016 both are up

**Motion to accept this proposal: P O'Neil/S Dugan/Passed**

**DISCUSSION:** This should be added to the By-Laws so that future Officers know  
The By-Laws will be amended and dated

**VOTE:** 20 Yes

**2) Trick or Treating Ad - Bob:**

- 4 to 6 pm on Friday, October 31
- 5 to 7 pm Trunk or Treating in the School parking lot
- 5 to 8 pm Haunted House at the Village Hall
- Bob will check with the School to see if they would be interested in sharing the cost of the ad and running all three items in one ad.
- Contact Jennifer Welk

**3) Turkey Bingo – Bonnie:**

- Bonnie and Dan will do Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 23 from 2 to 4 pm @ Village Hall
- There will be a pie auction
- Need pies donated
- Pat O'Neil has 50 old election signs that he will paint white
- The Bank has volunteered to help decorate dedicated signs for: Bingo, Bake Sale, Fall Fest, etc.

**4) Depot Decorating:**

- Bob & Su will do the lights on the building and caboose
- Scott has ladders and will help

**5) Christmas Crawl Update:**

- Anyone who wants to participate this year – please contact Cherri Frick
- Second or Third Tuesday in December
- Voting for best business decorating – have your ballot boxes out

**6) Fund Raising Ideas:**

- There are only 5 gambling permits per year
  - Raffle – Harvest Festival
  - Three Bingos
  - One more Raffle winter – a vacation

**Motion by Bob Ugstad to do more vacation cost research/2<sup>nd</sup> Shawn Dickinson/Passed**

- We are out of permits for 2014
- When would we have a vacation raffle
- Would there be enough people around to do it during the winter
- Just a voucher to a travel agent – let the winner pick where they would go
- Volunteers are needed at the Festival of the Falling Snowflake
- Ask the School – get students involved – more help is needed
- Shane will bring that up at a School meeting
- Motion to Adjourn:

**M/S/P            D Stefan/S Dickinson/Passed**

**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:  
November 11, 2014  
At The Depot**

Submitted by:  
Kim Archer  
Chamber Secretary