

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
April 14 2015

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bob Stoeckel, Scott Kesti and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Su Ugstad, Dan Russell, Brynn Winger, Pat O'Neil, Carol Procopio, Walt & Carol Scollard

GUESTS PRESENT: Tim Mayclin, Northland School Superintendent

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Bob Stoeckel
- Additions and approval of agenda
 1. New Business: Habitat for Humanity
- 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 S Ugstad/P O'Neil/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Julie was unable to attend; Bob submitted the financial report
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

M/S/P S Kesti/D Russell/Passed

- **LIBRARY REPORT:**
 - No one from the Library was able to attend

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Destination Magazine Update - Bob:**
 - 80,000 copies going out in no order – everybody will get some
2. **Depot Cleanup - Bob:**
 - Sara Holter bringing a crew to clean up the Depot yard
 - LCP to cut down the dead tree in the yard and Jerry Robbins to clean up
3. **Caboose Update – Scott:**
 - Pricing material – inside & deck about \$3,500
 - Labor – between \$4 and 5,000
 - Electrician bids to hook up electricity to caboose – waiting on those
 - Bob will start bringing in the stuff from his shed
 - Get stuff into be reupholstered
 - Start working on inside in May
 - Muriel painting to restart in June
 - Repaint the outside if we have the funds
4. **Summer Ideas/Crazy Daze Update – Scott:**
 - Need input from retailers in town
5. **Christmas Decoration/Flag Committee Update – Bob:**
 - The Christmas decorations are in
 - Garden Club is ordering the flowers for the new pots

Motion for Chamber to pay for the flowers:

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

- Still waiting for the flag brackets to be put up on the poles
- Flags will be here by mid-May – right now two American Flags
- Looking at the Four Seasons of Fun Logo put on a flag
- Next Flag Meeting is Monday, June 8 at City Hall

6. **Kids Day Update – Cheire Frick:**
 - o Cheire was unable to attend the meeting
 - o The date June 20th is also the City and Townships clean up day
7. **Fall Has it All Update – Alicia Burgers:**
 - o Alicia was unable to attend the meeting

Motion to accept Old Business:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Habitat for Humanity – Walt Scollard:**
 - o Trying for six new homes in the surrounding area (not Remer) for 2015
 - o Hoping for a new home in Remer in 2016 or 2017
 - o Need to form a committee
 - o The land for the first home was donated; but there are City lots going up for auction
 - o Need to raise \$15, to \$20,000
 - o The cost is \$75,000
 - o Pat O'Neil volunteered to be on the committee
2. **Donated Bench:**
 - o A stone bench was carved and donated as a Memorial to Donny Welk for all of his years of service to Remer – it has been placed between highway 200 and the Depot
3. **Area for recreation in Remer:**
 - o "Pickle Ball" has become very popular
 - o Ice skating rink in the winter
4. **School Referendum – Carol Procopio, Vote Yes Chairperson and Tim Mayclin, Northland School Superintendent:**
 - o The vote is on Tuesday, May 12th at the school from 10 am to 8 pm
 - o Absentee ballots are available, you can get an application on the website or stop by the school – it **MUST** be mailed in by May 4th to be able to vote – those ballots can be dropped off at the City Office or the Village Hall prior to May 12th
 - o You can get more information by calling Mr. Mayclin @ 218-566-2352 ext. 2011 or by visiting the School or Cass County Websites
 - o If it passes plans will be drawn up this summer and break ground this fall
 - o This is a 3 year project and comes in three stages
 - o Build the new and move into it
 - o Tear down the old
 - o Remodel the existing
 - o Property tax increase cannot start until 2016

Motion to Adjourn:

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

**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:
Tuesday, May 12th
At The Depot**

Remember there will be a Harvest Festival Meeting right after the Chamber meeting

Submitted by:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary