

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Su Ugstad, Cheire Frick, Elizabeth Frick, Shane & Donna Dugan, Pat O'Neil, Denny & Nancy Stefan, Pete & Sherri Logan, Kaara Nilsson, 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 B Stoeckel/P O'Neil/Passed

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

M/S/P S Logan/S Ugstad/Passed

LIBRARY REPORT:

- Jean Olson was unable to attend; but she sent her report
 - Santa was a big hit – 26 kids came to the Library to see Santa, each one received a book, a bag of candy/pencil and a toy
 - The Toys were donated by Walt & Carol Scollard's children – ***Thank You!***
 - Nancy Green was Santa – ***thank you Nancy***
 - Library's annual meeting will be Thursday, January 7 at 4 pm – everyone is welcome
 - They have opened a Baker & Taylor account for ordering books wholesale and they will be placing an order after the first of the year
 - Everyone is invited to come and see the Christmas Tree made of books created by Kaara Nilsson and Pat Engen
 - There is also a Library Wish Tree with ornaments indicating what the Library needs – maybe you can help out by supplying one (or more) of those needs – stop by!

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Turkey Bingo/Silent Auction Update:** It was the most successful and well attended bingo ever – ***thanks*** to everyone who helped in any capacity, played bingo, donated goodies and bought goodies! Let's do it again next year! Bingo brought in \$740 and the auction \$528
- **Depot Decorating Update:** They had to purchase a new timer; but everything is done inside and out – looks good – ***thanks to Bob and Su Ugstad and the Library.*** They are taking some lights to the Gazebo for the Tree lighting ceremony at 8:15 after the Christmas Crawl on Friday December 18
- **Christmas Crawl Update:** There is a full page ad in this week's paper, Craft store will also be open – please stop by. Bank has a prize drawing, be sure and sign up! Shane will deliver posters and flyers to Outing and Longville on his mail route. Su will put the information on the Website and Facebook. Scott will bring a fire pit to the park for a bonfire at 8:15 pm when the Christmas Carolers and everybody meet for the lighting of the Christmas Tree and the raffle drawing. Be sure and join us there!
- **Decorating Contest Update:** Jodi is busy making boxes for each business participating – be sure and vote Friday night!
- **Raffle Ticket Update:** Bob went around and collected the empty books and about \$600. If you have a partial book – please start selling them, the Drawing is Friday night. The Bank and the Liquor store have each sold 5 books – ***Good Job!!***

- **Membership Card Update:** Cards have been picked up and envelopes purchased, those that have paid their 2016 dues will be getting theirs in the mail soon. The rest will be getting another letter reminding them dues are due by February 1st. After that you will be removed from the Website. You can still drop off your dues and membership form at the Woodsman, First National Bank or mail them to PO Box 101
- **Caboose Update:** American Eagle is installing the new locking system now. Looking to purchase or order signs with the hours it will be open and signs that stating “no food or drink inside” hopefully getting electricity inside will be next!
- **Trail Maps Update:** Jean Olson was looking into this; but Scott Kesti talked to the Snowmobile Club and they have some maps they are willing to give us, but Jean would like one that combines the snowmobile, ATV & walking trails into one map
- Motion to accept Old Business:

M/S/P P O’Neil/C Frick/Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Destination Magazine – deadline 1/29/16:**
 - Bob would like to see the Chamber put in another ad, maybe a smaller ad – last year we did 6 pages for \$5,000 and the Chamber paid half of the total bill. We had new members join to be part of the ad – hope they renew this year as well – love to hear if businesses had more traffic due to the magazine article
 - Looking for new pictures – maybe from inside the caboose and outside with the deck ... anybody have pictures from 4th of July picnic, Bingo, Harvest Festival, fishing/boating pictures. We would love to see them – we can always use them on the Website and Facebook
 - Scott would like to form an advertising committee and maybe explore a year-long advertising budget
 - Bob will talk more with the magazine & revisit this next month
- **Dog Sleds/Festival of the Falling Snowflakes:**
 - Still set for Saturday February 13th
 - Bob and Pat will head up the Dog Sled races and bonfire
 - Somebody else needs to be in charge of the Chili cook off Contest, kid’s games, etc.
 - Revisiting again next month also – please come and be a part of this fun day!
- **Public Restroom Signs:**
 - Bob will contact the State and talk to Lisa about getting a sign for each end of town stating “Public Restrooms Available” and then having a sign at the Depot with The Library, Tourist Information and Public Restrooms on it
- Motion to Adjourn:

M/S/P S Logan/C Frick/Passed

**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:
January 12th
At The Depot**

Submitted by:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary