

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
March 10, 2015**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alicia Burgers, Cheire Frick, Shane Dugan, Pat O'Neil

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Bob Stoeckel
- Additions and approval of agenda:
  1. Old Business: Planters & Flowers (flag committee update) & Flier Update
  2. New Business: Tree @ depot (spring cleaning) & Fall Has It All
- Motion to accept agenda

**M/S/P J Stoeckel/P O'Neil/Passed**

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

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**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Julie submitted the financial report
  - \$5,000 of the General fund goes to advertising in the Destination Magazine
  - \$1,000 was taken out of the endowment fund
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

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

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

- Jean is on vacation; but she sent in her report, which was submitted:
  - Easter egg hunt set
  - Candy & eggs purchased – Americare residents are filling the eggs
  - Face painting
  - Guess how many jelly beans in a jar
  - And of course the Easter Bunny – who will read a story
  - Fliers have been sent out
  - Bank will make a sign
  - Still have paperback book spinner racks to give away
  - Terry Mejdrich is building new shelves for the Children's Corner paid for by the Friends of the Library

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Kids Day Update:**

- Possibly have it on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> to tie in with Library Open House/Shop Local
- 11 am to 1 pm

**IDEAS:**

- Fire Truck and Police Car for the kids to check out
- Band Students with their musical instrument for the kids to check out/play
- Story time with a book character
- Bounce House
- Face Painting
- Races

**2. Destination Magazine Update:**

- Response from businesses was very positive and we have 6 page article
- Comes out in April and each member will get some to pass out
- Bob had the proof and it was very well done, nice color, very exciting!

3. **Flag Committee Update:**

- 21 assorted Christmas decoration have been ordered
- We received a discount from the Company, LCP is paying half, the Lions and City of Remer donated the rest of the money
- LCP will put them up
- There will be two flags per pole on main street – Lisa is ordering them
- The Company does make custom flags so we could do eventually do “Remer - Four Seasons of Fun” flags – for now they will both be American Flags
- Planters for main street – full whisky barrels and then sit flower pots on top and Bob will order flowers
- LCP will run electric down six of the poles on main street
- The barrels can have a design or business name drilled in it, then lights are placed inside, they will have to be plugged in
- The Chamber will help pay for some of this
- Lisa is checking on prices

4. **Summer Ideas:**

- Scott is going to be walking around and talking to businesses to see how many are interested in doing Crazy Dazes Sales; the Chamber would like to see one Crazy Daze weekend each month from May to September
- April: Looking for Ideas? Something to tie in with Tax Day?
- May 9<sup>th</sup>: Crazy Daze Sidewalk Sales – Ice Cube Open House – Opening Fishing & Mother’s Day
- Memorial Day weekend: City Wide Rummage Sale – 2 days – start signing up early May
- June 20<sup>th</sup>: Kids Day, Library Open House/Shop Local (Crazy Daze Sales?), Ice Cube Open House, Father’s Day
- July: 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic and Bingo
- July: Crazy Daze Sales
- August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>: Harvest Festival
- August: Crazy Daze Sales
- September: Crazy Daze Sales

5. **Caboose Update:**

- The Chamber mailed out letters to the Townships asking for donations
- Bob will be checking with the Lions for a donation
- Scott filled out the “Operations Roundup” application from LCP asking for a donation
- Still thinking about selling “Caboose” ornaments
- Bob will bring in all the stuff the Chamber purchased for the inside and refurbishing can start as soon as he can get to the shed
- Carol from Up North Upholstery will be redoing the seats
- Scott and Pete will be building lockers and check out the floor
- Pete G. can start painting again around June – the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the mural will go faster
- Building a deck for easier access and put tables out
- American Eagle will submit a bid for security
- Checking with electricians for a bid to hook up electricity to the caboose
- We would like to repaint the outside – see how much money is raised
- Goal is to have it completely done and open for Harvest Festival
- If you can help in any way – please do – it would be greatly appreciated – Contact Scott at the Rusty Bucket

6. **Flier Update:**

- Julie, Su and Kim will be working on updating the insert inside the flyer
- Members who did not renew will be taken off and new members added
- Motion to accept Old Business:

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Welcome our newest Member: The Pickled Loon Saloon**

- The Chamber has sent a plant to welcome them as members

2. **St. Patrick's Day Ad:**

- Will come out in the paper that day
- The Post Office has agreed to get them out Monday night
- Dave DeLost will be calling members for their ad

3. **Spring Cleaning:**

- Bob will talk to Sara Holter to see if she is still interest in working on the landscaping
- Checking with the Mill if we need more wood chips this year
- Cut down and remove the dead tree
- Bob will line up the carpet cleaning in the Library
- The Depot is being cleaned weekly, so we are not going to clean the inside

4. **Fall Has It All Update:**

- Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Antique Appraising in Remer
- Saturday, October 3 (the last day of the promotion)
  - Chamber sponsored sidewalk sale
  - Fall Fest: bake sale and pumpkin painting – 9 am to noon
  - Haunted House Opens
- Motion to Adjourn:

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**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:  
TUESDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>  
At The Depot**

Submitted by:

Kim Archer

Chamber Secretary

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL MEETING  
FOLLOWING THE CHAMBER MEETING**