

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Al & Terri Nystrom, Alicia Burgers, Bob & Su Ugstad, Shane & Donna Dugan, Pat O'Neil, Pete & Sheri Logan, Maureen Swentkofske, Roger & Jean Olson, Dennis & Nancy Stefan, Josh & Kathy Waddell and Karra

**GUESTS:** Carol Johnson, Jon Karner, Bob & Darlene Amundson and Sharon Richards

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

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

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Julie submitted the financial report
  - American Eagle is going to replace the locks on the Depot & Caboose doors with auto locks; which will lock and unlock at set times
  - Advertising that it is now open
  - Signs with hours and "NO food or drinks" will be posted
  - Pat O'Neil has a camera to donate if the Chamber decides to install one – just need to price out a monitor
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

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

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

- Jean submitted the library report:
  - Did well at Fall Fest
  - Received a \$1,000 donation for new releases from the Northland Lions
  - Averaging 24 on Tuesday for cookies and coffee
  - Looking for more kids – they could make ornaments for the Christmas tree
- Motion to accept the Library Report

**M/S/P B Ugstad/P O'Neil/Passed**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Harvest Festival Update: We broke even
2. Fall Fest & Bake Sale update:
  - Made \$428 at the bake sale
  - Thanks for donating, buying or both!
3. The 2016 calendar is finished
4. Haunted House Update:
  - Advertising: Flyers to the elementary, posters around town, ad in paper, Facebook and website
  - Volunteers needed – signup sheet going around

- Start set up Sunday 10/18 – Scott will contact people by email
  - Tear down 11/1 @ noon
  - Only Saturday night – 5 to 8 pm - \$1.00
5. Electronic Sign – Julie needs somebody to take it over:
- Scott and Kaara will start doing that
  - Add Fireman’s Outdoor night and Vote November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Motion to accept Old Business:

**M/S/P J Stoeckel/P O’Neil/Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Vote Yes Committee Members Justine & Mandi Payment & Superintendent Tim Mayclin came to speak to the Chamber members regarding the upcoming referendum
  - Chamber Members are encouraged to go to the School Board Meeting on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> to show support
2. Elections – Unanimously voted in are:  
 President – Scott Kesti  
 Vice President – Shane Dugan  
 Treasurer – Alicia Burgers
3. Trick or treating ad – Bob:
  - 4 to 6 businesses hand out candy
  - 5 to 7 Trunk or Treat at the school
  - 5 to 8 haunted house at the village
4. Turkey Bingo and Pie, cakes and cookies auction:
  - Please come play bingo, bring a treat to auction off
  - Sunday November 22 at the Village Hall 2 to 4 pm
5. Depot Decorating:
  - Bob & Su Ugstad will decorate the outside - THANK YOU!
  - The Library Ladies will decorate the inside – THANK YOU!
6. Christmas Crawl – Please contact Cherie Frick:
  - Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 8 pm
  - Christmas tree lighting – 8 pm meet with the Carolers in the park and draw the raffle winner – purchase from Remer Lumber @ cost?
  - Local kids could make ornaments
  - Pass out flyers at the school to advertise
  - There will be a decorating contest for the retail businesses only – headed up by Jodi Archer – THANK YOU!
  - Last year’s raffle raised \$500 for the Chamber
  - Motion to have another raffle with fish house, auger and poles

**M/S/P B Ugstad/P O’Neil/Passed**

7. Christmas Wreaths:
  - Small local business came to Bob to see if Chamber Members/businesses would be interested their wreaths; the more purchased, the better the price
 Chamber will purchase 3 large and some small ones:
  - A large on for the caboose and each welcome to Remer sign at each end of town
  - Smaller ones for every other light pole in town
  - Motion to go ahead with this plan:

**M/S/P P O'Neil/B Ugstad/Passed**

Kaara will check to see if merchants are able to purchase whatever design they want and she will have a signup sheet to see how many merchants are interested

8. Membership cards:

- Update the picture with a new one of the outside

9. Dennis Stefan asked if the Chamber could put out a statement supporting the referendum

- Can you do that without all members present?
- Motion for the Remer Chamber to support the Vote Yes Referendum with the following: Remer Chamber says ... Get out and vote on November 9<sup>th</sup> for the future of our Community - this will be put on the electronic sign, the website and Facebook

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

- Motion to Adjourn:

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

**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:  
November 10th  
At The Depot**

Submitted by:  
Kim Archer  
Chamber Secretary