

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2016**

OFFICERS PRESENT: Scott Kesti, Shane Dugan, Alicia Burgers and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Russell, Su Ugstad, Carol Johnson, Blaine Rhushel, Bob Stoeckel, Kaara Nilsson & Sherri Logan

GUEST: Lynn from Serenity House

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Scott Kesti
- Additions and approval of agenda
 1. Addition: Fall Has It All Update, Grant Update & Direct Mailing Advertising Update
- Motion to accept agenda

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- Meeting minutes from the last meeting were looked over
 1. Correction: each organization, not each member, will receive a certificate
- Motion to accept the amended minutes

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Alicia submitted the financial report
 - Misc is all the Bigfoot Merchandise with the exception of \$600 for port-a-potties for 7/8 & 9
 - The caboose/depot security system came out of the general funds
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

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LIBRARY REPORT:

- Kaara submitted the Library report
 - There will be a book signing on Thursday, August 11th at 1 pm with Theo Bear who wrote "Fear and Loathing in Remer"
 - Jean is getting ready to place a new book order
 - They will have a float in this year's parade
 - FHIA: They will have walking taco's, bars, cider and coffee
 - They will also have locals talking about the "Good Ole Days" of Remer
- Motion to accept the Library Report

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Harvest Festival Update:

FRIDAY:

- There will be 5 or 6 different games going on
- Cake walk and bake sale
- Food Vendors
- Awards Ceremony
- Lip Sync Performance
- The Buzzards
- Fireworks

SATURDAY:

- Pancake breakfast by First National Bank
- Bigfoot will be leading the Kiddie Parade
- Lions will have a silent auction and sell muni raffle tickets
- Bingo with the Renn Family
 - You must play 5 games to be able to play the coverall at the end
- **SELL** your raffle tickets – they will be picked up during the day on Saturday – but will continue to be sold at the beer wagon and bigfoot booth until the drawing at 9 pm
- Bigfoot Bluegrass Festival Posters Update:

- New posters coming out this week and will be hung up to advertise during HF
- 5 or 6 bands
- On Friday night Dick Kimmel will be giving the History of Bluegrass
- No camping nearby
- Putting snow fence up and people will get Wristbands
- Free Advertising with Grand Rapids and Lakeland Magazine
- Third Street Brewery will be there and that will be the beer sold on the beer wagon
- We will be ramping up after HF is done
- Welcome Wagon Update:
 - One home sold in Remer
 - One new renter
 - Serenity House - opened
 - The Pub? Re-opened but are they new owners?
 - The Pallet Mill would like to add a coupon to the basket
 - Tabled until the October meeting
- American Pickers Update:
 - No new information
 - Please contact them by phone 1-855-653-7878 or email AmericanPickers@cineflix.com
- Fall Has It All Update:
 - There is a meeting Thursday
 - Chamber agreed to purchase 100 buttons – almost sold 70 last year
 - Chamber agreed to purchase 2 dozen pre-cut derby cars & sell them to members @ \$20 each (you can purchase more than one)
 - Members will finish the car(s) and they will be used on:
 - Saturday, September 17, Kids Day, at the Box Car Derby Race: Entrants pick a car to race
 - Members will get their cars back to race again next year!
 - Race Track – checking on building or purchasing
 - Ribbons and t-shirts for prizes
 - Putting up the posters this week
- Grant Update:
 - Blandin is going in this week – for the Furnace and AC
 - Advertising Grant is almost done – it is a 50/50 grant through Explore MN
- Direct Mail Advertising Update:
 - It was decided to wait until next spring to do another one
- Motion by: Sherri Logan to set up an advertising Committee 2nd by: K Nilsson
 - Tabled until October Meeting
- Motion to accept Old Business:

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NEW BUSINESS:

- First Annual Bigfoot Blue Grass Festival is next month!
- Serenity House is Open – stop by for a tour
- Motion to Adjourn:

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**NEXT MEETING
September 13 @ 5 pm:
At The Depot**

1st Annual Bigfoot Bluegrass Festival is September 24 & 25!

Submitted by:
Kim Archer

Chamber Secretary