

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
November 15, 2016**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Russell, Su Ugstad, Sherri Berg, Walt & Carol Scollard, Bob Stoeckel, Blaine Raushel, Cheire Frick and Greg Meek

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Scott Kesti
- Additions and approval of agenda
  1. Old Business: Fall Has It All Wrap Up
  2. New Business: Christmas wreaths for members
- Motion to accept agenda

**M/S/P            S Logan/D Russell/Passed**

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

**M/S/P            S Logan/D Russell/Passed**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

**M/S/P            S Logan/D Russell/Passed**

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

- Jean submitted the Library report
- 1. Santa will be at the Library on Saturday, December 10th
- Motion to accept the Library Report

**M/S/P            S Logan/D Russell/Passed**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **2017 Harvest Festival:** – Need Coordinator and Committee members
  - a. First meeting early spring to decide the Theme, Business of the Year & Grand Marshal
  - b. This is the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival Celebration!
2. **Harvest Festival list of all the events & jobs update:**
  - a. There is a list of events that needs to be filled out for the 2017 HF
  - b. If you are interested in being in charge of an event/or you have been in charge in the past and want to continue please email me at [remerchamber@gmail.com](mailto:remerchamber@gmail.com) and I will put your name in that spot
3. **Haunted House update:**

2016: 128 people went thru – raised \$226  
2015: 155 people paid  
2014: 198 people paid

  - a. Bill is going to head it up next year – on Tuesday, October 31, 2017
4. **2017 Budget update:**
  - a. Not finished yet
5. **2017 Calendar of Events update:**
  - a. Finished and ready for Walker to publish
6. **Fall Has It All Wrap Up:**
  - a. Dates for 2017 are Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> through Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Use the buttons at Bigfoot Bluegrass and Kids Day events
7. **Turkey Bingo and Silent auction of baked goods & gift baskets update:**
  - a. The paper got the date wrong it is Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> - 2 pm to 4 pm the Old Village Hall
  - c. Baked goods and gift baskets can be dropped off at the Village Hall starting at 10:30 am
8. **Christmas Crawl update:**
  - a. Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm to 8 pm
  - b. Bonfire at the Gazebo at 8:30 pm
  - c. Cheire will be visiting Chamber businesses after Thanksgiving
  - d. Raffle drawing will be Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during the Chamber Christmas party
9. **Chamber Christmas Party update:**
  - a. The party/dinner will be at the Pub

Motion to Vote on whether the Chamber would pay for it all or should members contribute

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

- b. A good will donation for the dinner by Chamber members and the Chamber will pick up the rest of the tab
- c. 2016 volunteers at Chamber events will be invited to attend as a thank you for their **MUCH APPRECIATED** help this year!
- d. There will be a cookie exchange at the next regular Chamber meeting on December 13
- e. Bring a bottle of wine to share and an appetizer

**10. Potluck in January:**

- a. A motion was made to plan a potluck dinner in January to welcome new businesses & new Chamber Members

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

- b. There will be a potluck dinner in January 2017
- c. Checking with Jeremy at the Soo Line to see if we can have it there

**11. Welcome Wagon update:**

- a. Motion made to give new businesses a plant and their picture in the Paper:

**M/S/P B Stoeckel/C Frick/Passed**

- b. The Chamber will take a plant, meet any new business owners/new managers & invite them to join the Chamber as well as print a welcome in the Pine Cone Press
- c. The Chamber will be welcoming all of 2016 new businesses/new management:  
The Pub, Fit Up North, Thunder Lake Realty, Serenity Living, Soo Line Saloon and East Central Sports
- d. Coming Soon: New Business: Wagon Wheel & Bigfoot Gas and Gifts
- e. Under new Management: Remer Motel – Steve and Erica

**12. Library Sign update:**

- a. The new sign is up
- b. We will be adding the Public Rest Area sign above it
- c. Also adding: Information center and running special event banners under it
  - Motion to accept Old Business:

**M/S/P S Logan/D Russell/Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Christmas Decorating at the Depot:**

- a. Su and Bob have started already outside at the Depot
- b. LCP puts the decorations on the poles in town

**2. Family Center 2016 Toy Drive:**

- a. It was The Chambers intent to have a toy drive on the night of the Christmas Crawl to donate to the Family Center, but that is actually the day after the drive is over
- b. Chamber members can make a donation to the Family Center to help local Children receive Christmas presents. Please call the Family Center if you have any questions
- d. Next year the Chamber will put out jars to collect money for Family Center toy drive

**3. Christmas Wreaths:**

- a. Once again a small local business is wondering if Chamber Members would be interested in purchasing their wreaths; the more purchased, the better the price – each business is responsible for purchasing their own – we will not be going around to each business this year
- b. The Chamber will purchase garland for the two Welcome to Remer signs and a wreath for the Caboose
  - Motion to accept New Business:
  - Motion to Adjourn:

**M/S/P B Stoeckel/D Russell/Passed**

**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:**

**December 13, 2016**

**At The Depot**

**There will be a Cookie Exchange  
Wine and appetizers – please bring your favorites**

Submitted by:  
Kim Archer

Chamber Secretary