

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING
February 07, 2017

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Russell, Jean Olson, Karen O'Neil, Su Ugstad, Sherri Logan, Marc Ruyak, Carol Johnson, Jon Karner, Bob Stoeckel, Blaine Raushel, Erica Ellingboe, Greg Meeks and Christine Desmond

- Meeting called to order @ 5 pm by President Scott Kesti
- Additions and approval of agenda:
- Motion to accept agenda:

M/S/P J Olson/D Russell/Passed

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

M/S/P D Russell/K O'Neil/Passed

LIBRARY REPORT:

- Jean submitted the library report
 - Three new bookcases were built by Dick Engen
 - Varnished by Roger Olson and Scott Kesti
 - Easter Bunny is coming
 - Open House and Annual Meeting – all are invited – February 23
- Motion to accept the library report

M/S/P K O'Neil/D Russell/Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Festival of the Falling Snowflakes Update:

- A. Bonfire at 2 pm
- B. Spotters lined up
- C. Marc will clean out snow in the back of the Bigfoot Gas and Gifts for parking for the mushers
- D. Teri Williams and FNB have the chili contest under control

2. Advertising Committee Update:

- A. Coordinator – we need an Advertising Committee Coordinator
 - Scott, Kaara, Sherri and Marc are on the committee
 - Meeting next week to discuss this year's advertising needs
 - Setting up the advertising budget for 2017
 - How many ads are run in a year?
- B. St Patrick's Day ad coming up
 - If you want to have an ad it will cost \$20 please:
 - You need to email Kim at remerchamber@gmail.com
 - And pay the \$20 by Monday the 6th of March – either mail it to PO Box 101 or drop it off at the bank with Alicia or you won't be in the ad
 - It was suggested that members could pay for all the \$20 ads at once

- We would be able to advertise in more places
 - KAXE
 - Lake Time Magazine – which covers 7 states
 - Explore MN \$212 for a ¼ page ad – looking at the summer issue
 - C. We are in the Destination Magazine again
 - D. Spring Mailer
 - Same as last year – calendar in the middle with ads and/or coupons all around it on both sides
 - Double checking on the cost per member
 - Mailed in May for fishing opener

3. Review the 2017 Calendar:

- A. Start planning for 2017 activities
 - Move the 4th of July Family Picnic Bingo to the Bigfoot Days and have a raffle also
 - What to raffle – we will discuss this next month
 - New ideas for 2017 events
 - Steve would like to do a 4-wheeler tour on Bigfoot Days
- B. Harvest Festival Committee:
 - Erica would like to help
 - Cheryl Gustafson will not be able to do the parade lineup this year
- C. Animal Planet Viewing on Sunday, February 19
 - At the Muni show starts at 6 pm with a potluck at 5 pm

4. Potluck for new members Update:

- A. Cheirie Frick wasn't able to attend the meeting

5. Welcome Wagon Update:

- A. Sherri, Christine and Marc
 - Looking for others to join
 - We have six baskets to get ready – all members will receive an email asking for your donation. It could be business cards, menus, gift certificates, gifts
 - We are also looking for phone books, school calendar, community ed booklets, garbage pickup information, local club information/applications
 - We want to let new members of the community know where to go to get all that they need when they move to our community – please help welcome new people to the area
 - Please drop off your contribution at Thunder Lake Realty by the end of February

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Set Up Gambling Dates:

- A. Bigfoot Days: Bingo and Raffle
- B. Harvest Festival: Bingo and Raffle
- C. Bigfoot Music Festival: Raffle
- D. Turkey Bingo
- E. Christmas Crawl: Raffle

2. Community Garden:

- A. Christine Desmond is asking for members to join in the effort to get a community garden going in Remer
- B. The Family Center, Remer Food Shelf and Community Ed have all joined
- C. They will be teaching organic gardening

- D. They will involve the school and the children
- E. The elderly will be able to participate
- F. There will be a Farmers Market in the summer on Saturdays
- G. Hoping for canning classes with Continuing Ed
- H. They have some grant money and are applying for more
- I. There will be a meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 5pm at the school all are welcome to attend

**NEXT MEETING 5 PM
MARCH 14, 2017
AT THE DEPOT**

Submitted By:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary