

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
MONTHLY MEETING  
April 10, 2018

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Denise Green, Shane Dugan, Alicia Burgers and Kim Archer

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Russell, Jon Karner, Carol Johnson, Erika Ellingboe, Sherri Berg, Su Ugstad, Scott Kesti, Blaine Raushel, Willie Huotari, Pat & Karen O'Neil, and Bob Stoeckel

- Meeting called to order @ 5:00 pm by President Denise Green
- Additions and approval of agenda: There are 6 items to be added to new business

**Motion to accept agenda with the new items:**

**M/S/P            E Ellingboe/K O'Neil/Passed**

- Meeting minutes from the last meeting were looked over

**Motion to accept minutes**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Alicia submitted the financial report

**Motion to accept the financial report**

**M/S/P            D Russell/C Johnson/Passed**

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

- Jean emailed the Library report to Denise who submitted it
- The large print books have been ordered
- Having trouble finding new locks for the doors – Mike at the Lumber Yard is looking into it
- The gutters are leaking and probably need to be cleaned or repaired
  - Willie & Scott will check the gutters to determine what needs to be done
- Working on an outreach to the school for a summer reading program
  - Any ideas please talk to Kaara or Denise
- Plans for a 'Thank You' lunch for the many hardworking volunteers the Library has
- Open House/Book Sale on Saturday, June 16 – planning has started
- Jodi has been sharing old pictures on the Library Facebook page; huge hit and has increased sales in the Remer History books
  - Dan will reach out to Cecelia McKeig for more books
- We should have a spring and fall building maintenance checklist – to make sure we keep up on repairs

**Motion to accept the library report**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Pavilion Update: Skip was unable to attend; we hope to see him at the May meeting
  - The Chamber needs to know the plans – our insurance and taxes might increase
  - Kitchen – is there a kitchen being built as well?
2. Adopt a Highway Update:
  - Sign should be going up soon
  - We are on Highway 200 by the Swatara Road
  - Looking at Friday, May 18 for our first cleanup
  - Need members to sign up – contact me at [remerchamber@gmail.com](mailto:remerchamber@gmail.com)
3. Easter Bunny Update:
  - Big hit – more kids this year than last year
  - Still no decision on merging with Harvest Church Easter Eggsplison

#### 4. Harvest Festival Update:

- Theme: Rediscover Remer
- Trying to come up with enough activities and vendors to keep it going all day; from one end of town to the other
- Lots of new things are being looked at
- Here is a tentative list:
- Friday:
  - All school reunion
  - Spaghetti feed
  - Lip Sync
- Saturday:
  - Pancake breakfast
  - 5K run
  - Firemen Barrel Blast
  - Tug of War
  - Red Neck Olympics
  - Dunk Tank
  - Bingo
  - Geocache or Medallion Hunt
  - Fireworks

#### 5. Spring Mailer Update:

- There are 22 ads so far – up from 16 ads last year – one spot left – Friday is the deadline
- Everybody who has paid for their ad by Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> will get to preview the ad to proof it before it goes to print

#### 6. Firehall Update:

- Gary Passard has purchased the firehall
- Chamber has tables and chairs in there and he would like them out
  - Denise talked to him about letting him use the tables if the Chamber could use the building for our three yearly events
- If he does not agree to this the Chamber needs a place to store all those tables and chairs

#### 7. Time Change Proposal Update:

- There were a couple of suggestions:
  - Breakfast or lunch meetings
  - 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
- Time change did not work for most of the people who participate
- Decided to change the Tuesday
  - With possibly adding a quarterly lunch get together so the Chamber could hear from members who cannot come to the evening meetings
  - We would like to hear from those who do not attend regular meetings – would you be interested in getting together over lunch, four times a year, to meet with the Chamber Board

#### **Motion to move the meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month**

**M/S/P J Karner/K O'Neil/Passed**

- Effective immediately - the May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15th

#### 8. Bigfoot Update:

- Marc was unable to attend, and we hope he will be at the next meeting to update this event

#### **Motion to accept old business:**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. City Auditor met with Lisa:
  - The City can no longer print our raffle tickets or make copies
  - The rules for printing raffle tickets has changed
  - The Chamber will have to have the raffle tickets printed by a Certified printer
  - The Chamber may have to investigate getting its own printer for posters and flyers
2. Membership Dues Update:
  - As a Non-Profit bartering has become an issue
    - The Chamber needs to have a clean and clear paper trail
    - The Chamber cannot create an accurate budget without a clear tracking system

## **Motion to stop bartering for Dues – Dues and advertising will be cash basis only:**

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

3. Chamber Landline at the Depot:
  - Has become an issue – nobody has the time to stop and get the message and return calls
  - The City office/Lisa has been getting irate phone calls asking for answers to their questions because nobody from the Chamber is returning their calls
  - Denise would like to check with Johnson Telephone Company to see if they can tell how many calls we actually get a month
  - Until we decide to shut it off completely or not, we will change the message to:
    - This phone line is not monitored – Please check the website or email [remurchamber@gmail.com](mailto:remurchamber@gmail.com) if you need assistance
    - We will be taking the phone number off the website and any other social media
    - If the phone is not utilized enough, we will unplug it and rely on email and the website
4. Events Chairperson:
  - If you are the chairperson of an event – you are responsible:
    - To keep track of who is involved, expenses, deposits and writing up a summary for the Chamber
  - If it involves advertising, you will oversee:
    - Notifying all members, tracking who signed up, making sure they understand payments and deadlines, keep track of who has paid/receiving payments, notify unpaid businesses of upcoming deadlines
    - Expense, deposits and writing up a summary for the Chamber
  - Also contacting the Walker Pilot – Gail DeBoer at 218-547-1000 ext. 110 – they will post an Events Ad in their paper
5. Laurie Tabaka of the Walker Pilot contacted Denise to see if Remer would be interested in coupon booklets
  - Walker, Longville and Hackensack all participate
  - There is zero cost to the Chamber
  - They print 3,000 copies
  - Business ad is \$170
  - She has the events list and member list and will be contacting members to see if they are interested
  - The booklets are only distributed in Remer
  - It is done annually every spring
6. Fall Has It All:
  - Cindy from the Walker Chamber informed Denise that the first meeting is Thursday, April 12 at 5pm at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Walker
  - We need somebody who can attend this meeting
  - We need a new coordinator for this event

7. Advertising Ideas:

- Making a list of all the ads and sponsorships the Chamber puts out each year in a checklist form
- This form would come out with the Annual letter and membership form
- Members can pick which ads and sponsorships they would like to participate in, pay for that and their membership at the same time
- This would cut down on the numerous emails and phone calls soliciting each business numerous times a year and then getting payments – it would all be done
- There is more to discuss with the advertising committee before putting this in motion

**Motion to accept new business:**

**M/S/P            C Johnson/S Berg/Passed**

**Motion to adjourn**

**M/S/P            W Huotari/J Karner/Passed**

**NEXT MEETING 5 PM  
Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
AT THE DEPOT**

Submitted By:

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Chamber Secretary