

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING
August 21, 2018

OFFICERS PRESENT: Denise Green, Shane Dugan, Teresa Valentine and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Russell, Sherri Logan, Scott Kesti, Blaine Rauschel, Willie Huotari, Kaara Nissen, Su Ugstad, Walt and Carol Scollard

GUEST: Skip Rosen

- Meeting called to order @ 5:00 pm by President Denise Green
- Additions and approval of agenda:
 - Add Harvest Festival Update
- Motion to accept agenda:

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

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

M/S/P S Ugstad/W Huotari/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Teresa submitted the financial report
 - She reported that she found an adding error; just on paper, for the Pavilion
 - Teresa presented the Northern Star Coop letter with our Prepay options for 2018/2019 – Pay for 1200 gallons at \$1.54
- Motion to approve prepaying by W Scollard/S Kesti/Passed
- Motion to accept the financial report

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

LIBRARY REPORT:

- Kaara submitted the library report
 - Two Upcoming events: Author Jill Hannah Anderson will be at the Library, Saturday, September 8, from 10:30 to Noon signing her new book "Crazy Little Town Called Love"
 - Our Lives as Art: Celebrating our Collective Stories and Histories. Four Thursdays September 13 & 27 and October 11 & 25 1:30 to 3:30 at the Depot
 - Looking for Children's Books Authors for Fall Has It All
- Motion to accept the library report

M/S/P D Russell/W Huotari/Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pavilion Update:

- Slab has been poured
- Trusses are in at the Lumber Yard, need to be paid for and stored until needed
- Submitted invoice to Grant facilitators, it has been approved – not sure how the Chamber gets the money
- Tables, grills, bike racks being made by Remer Iron Works
 - Four of the six tables will be handicapped accessible
- Terry is working with Northland Monument for granite counter tops
- Need to do a Cost vs what is actually available
- Estimated cost: \$18,600 with no Electricity
- Walt suggested Skip speak to Lake Country Power to see what it will cost
- The Garden Club will be planting a boarder

2. Fall Has It All Update:

- The buttons, posters and brochures are done; Sheri brought them in, there is an error – the festivities start Thursday, September 13; but everything says September 15
 - Sheri will contact the Chairperson tomorrow
- We purchased 150 buttons – Sherri had requests for 165; but we can only purchase in increments of 50.
- Sherri order 150 copies of the gift/prizes/specials page
- There are 25 rocks painted by Remer school children that will be hidden around town
 - There is a Facebook “ad” for the rock finding adventure – I guess you find rocks, paint and hide rocks and when you find them you take your picture with the rock and post it on the following Facebook pages: Remer Chamber, Bigfoot and Fall Has It All, then re-hide it for others to discover
 - Remer’s are all bigfoot themed
- Rock hiding party on Wednesday, September 12 about 6ish, 5 couples will hide 5 rocks each
- This is Sherri’s last year as the Remer Spokesperson for Fall Has it All
 - The Chamber needs somebody to take on this event

3. Music Fest Update:

- Teresa needs to take a check to Kristian Myers for the liquor insurance - \$250
- 19 sponsors – 4 still need to pay – if that is you – please get your money to Scott
- No pre-sale tickets – did not sell any last year
 - You can purchase a 2-day pass, Saturday only or Sunday only
- Beer Truck
- Stage
- Split the pot instead of a raffle
 - That will have to be researched to see if our license covers that
 - Would they have to be present to win?
- Chicken poop bingo?

4. Flag Pole Update:

- Have to get our name on the list for repairs

5. Depot Deck Repairs Update:

- The deck repairs have been done
- The need to keep people from crossing the tracks and getting on the deck, other than the walkway, has been brought to the Chambers attention
 - The Lion Club has graciously agreed to pay for it; but this too must be researched
 - Will see if the shop class will build it
 - The depot is on the Historical Registry everything has be preserved and consistent with the rules
 - It was suggested that the railing be placed between the parking lot and the tracks

6. Harvest Festival Update:

- Bills and money are still coming in
 - So far \$7,800 has come in and expenses were \$6,400
 - Fireworks money still needs to be picked up – Kaara said she would go around to the businesses
- Float Winners: Wagon Wheel – Theme, Chamber – Humor, Collins Family – Family & Johnson Telephone Company – business
- Raffle Winners: 1st – Lief Torkelson, 2nd – Diane Holter and can’t remember 3rd

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Volunteer List

- When people fill out their annual membership form they can check off what events they would like to help with; but when those events come around – not everybody is showing up to the meetings or to help out
- Which leaves less people to do much of the work
 - There are basically three different membership tiers:
 - First Tier: Main Street business
 - Second Tier: Business in or around town; but not a retail/store front
 - Third Tier: Businesses from other towns or the Resorts
- Business on main street benefit monetarily when these events happen
- The Chamber would love to see more people helping
 - There will be more about this at the annual dinner in October

Motion to adjourn

M/S/P W Huotari/B Raushel/Passed

**NEXT MEETING 5 PM
September 18, 2018
AT THE DEPOT**

Submitted By:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary