

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
MONTHLY MEETING  
December 18, 2018

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Denise Green, Shane Dugan, Patty Leerssen and Kim Archer

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Russell, Willie Huotari, Su Ugstad, Kaara Nilsson, Scott Kesti, Walt & Carol Scollard, Carol Johnson, Jon Karner, Ted & Cheire Frick, Elizabeth Frick, Sherri Berg

**GUEST:** Donna Dugan

- Meeting called to order @ 5:10 pm by President Denise Green
- Additions and approval of agenda: Lions

Motion to accept agenda:

**M/S/P            D Russell/W Scollard/Passed**

- Meeting minutes from the last meeting were looked over

Motion to accept minutes

**M/S/P            C Johnson/K Nilsson/Passed**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- No financial report this month

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

- Kaara submitted the library report
  - Santa and an Elf came to the Library Saturday, December 8
  - There were 15 to 20 children who came and got their picture taken
  - They all received candy and a book
  - Received a \$1,000 grant from LCP to move children's section to the front
  - The toilet is not working – needs new insides in the tank
  - There have been issues with the cleaning of the library, depot and bathroom
    - Outside bathrooms are dirty and not stocked
  - Windows, glass case and other things are not being kept clean
  - The vacuum isn't working either
  - Update the cleaning list and go over it with the cleaning lady
    - If things don't improve the library will take over some of the cleaning
  - The thermostat needs batteries too

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Depot Railing Update:
  - a. No update at-this-time
2. Huckabee TV Update:
  - a. Shane has tried two more times to reach them and they have not responded
  - b. We will not reach out to them again
3. Vandalism Update:
  - a. The back door by the back stairs – they broke the doorknob and unlocked it – that is how they kept getting into the building
  - b. There were 4 or 5 kids – all but one was a minor – the Chamber is pressing charges and will demand restitution or community services
4. Flag Pole Update:
  - a. The pole was totally taken out by the storm and is now covered by insurance
  - b. Also affected were the phone in the library, the internet, parking lot lights and the computer for the scrolling sign – all covered by insurance
5. Operation Roundup Update:
  - a. Fill out the online form for Fireworks

6. Security Update:
  - a. American Eagle will be submitting a bid for cameras
7. Christmas Crawl Update:
  - a. 21 businesses participated
    1. three are not members; it was brought up again that they should pay for the advertising that members get for free
  - b. Next year we will have a raffle
  - c. Cheire wants someone to sell Christmas trees
  - d. Put sandwich boards at each end of town

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2019 Membership Cards:
  - a. Kaara will take a picture of the Eagle and send it to Minuteman Press
2. Sled Dog Races/Chili Feed:
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in February
  - b. Need a foot of Snow
  - c. Is the bank going to do the Chili feed this year? Donna is going to check
  - d. New location – Possibly Mill Street
3. Fireworks for Harvest Festival:
  - a. Friday vs Saturday
  - b. Last years was shorter even though we paid more and early
  - c. Get a contract for the duration of the fireworks
  - d. Change fireworks to Bigfoot Days – more people and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
    1. Would they even be available since it is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
    2. Table until January meeting
4. Events Committee Meeting:
  - a. Meet in January to go over the 2018 events
    1. Would like to seek out needed new chair people and equip them for the job
    2. Create books/calendars for the new people to run an event more effectively
    3. Dog Sled Races/Bob, Chili feed/Bank, Easter/Library, Bigfoot Days/Marc, Harvest Festival, Music Fest/Scott, FHIA/Sherri Logan, Turkey Bingo, Santa/Library, Christmas Crawl/Cheire Frick
5. Lions:
  - a. Walt reported that the Lions have been a huge part of Remer for years
  - b. They give to the Chamber, Local Food Shelf and Ministerial Funds monthly
  - c. They gave \$10,000 last month - \$8,000 of that locally
  - d. They need more and younger members – next spring there will be a membership drive and the Lions are hoping Chamber member will think about joining

**Motion to adjourn**

**M/S/P W Scollard/D Russell/Passed**

**NEXT MEETING 5 PM**

**January 15, 2019**

**AT THE DEPOT**

Submitted By:  
Kim Archer  
Chamber Secretary