

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING
January 9, 2018

OFFICERS PRESENT: Denise Green, Alicia Burgers and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Russell, Jodi Phlepsen, Sherri Logan, Sherri Berg, Su Ugstad, Scott Kesti, Roger & Jean Olson, Blaine Rauschel, Willie Huotari, Karen O'Neil and Bob Stoeckel

GUEST: Skip Rosen

- Meeting called to order @ 5:00 pm by President Denise Green
- Additions and approval of agenda:

OLD BUSINESS ADDITIONS:

3. Skip with Pavilion Update
4. Spring Mailers

NEW BUSINESS ADDITIONS:

1. Ad Committee
2. Membership
3. Harvest Festival
4. North Country Trail
5. Explore Minnesota

- Motion to accept updated 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 J Olson/K O'Neil/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Alicia submitted the financial report
- Motion to table the financial report until Turkey Bingo report can be sorted out

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

LIBRARY REPORT:

- Jean reported that Saturday January 13th is their Annual Meeting at 9 am and Kaara will take over as President of the Library at that time
- Jean added the 2018 Chamber events to the Google calendar and she asked about members adding community events/open houses/grand openings to the Chamber calendar
 - As long as it is not an advertisement – the same criteria for the electronic sign will be followed for the calendar
 - All events can be sent to Jean and if she has a question she can ask Denise
 - Jean needs the current member list
 - Always check the school calendar before scheduling events to avoid conflicts
- Motion to accept the library report

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Snow Carving Contest:

- There is not enough snow
- Need enough clean snow to fill several 4x8 crates
- Businesses could adopt a crate to help with costs
- Cannot join it with the dog sled races/festival of the falling snowflakes this year

2. Dog Sled Races/Festival of the Falling Snowflakes Update:

- Not enough snow - Need at least a foot – which could happen before 2/10

- Do we do the Chili contest and games even if there is no race
- Motion to continue with the Festival if no snow/races:

M/S/P S Kesti/S Logan/Passed

- If the dog sled races are postponed volunteers will make chili for the mushers
- First National Bank will oversee the Chili contest again
- Savannah Pallets will provide the wood for the bonfire
- If we get a second pair of Finnish skis – there will be a Finnish ski contest
- Scavenger Hunt?
- Squamish in the fire hall?
- Kids games/snow hill

3. Pavilion Update – Skip Rosen:

- \$11,700 of the \$15,000 has been raised
- Colors will match the Depot
- Completion Date is the end of May
- There are 14 sponsors/donors so far and a plaque for each will be put up inside
- Scott will ask Mark Gravelle if the school/students would like to make the plaques
- They would like to send out another letter asking for donations
- Do another write up for the paper to generate more interest
- Scott suggested adding a foot path for easier access to downtown if there is extra money
- Electricity will be added; the Chamber can get the Caboose hooked up at the same time
- The Realtors with the Grant will put a link to the Chambers Website where Su will have information about the Pavilion

4. Spring Mailer Update:

- Jon Karner worked on this last year; Denise will call him to see if he is willing and able to do it again this year
- Mailed out Fishing Opener week
- At the February meeting we will get a list and prices together

Motion to accept old business:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ad Committee:

- Sherri Logan, Scott Kesti and Jean Olson
- Make an advertising budget for 2018
- Bob asked if the Chamber should first create a budget for 2018
- Alicia will generate reports detailing expenditures and income for 2017
- Denise will meet with the Ad Committee after Alicia has the reports that they need

2. Memberships:

- Can the structure of the memberships be restructured to include:
 - Seasonal people
 - Non-store front businesses
 - Out of town members
- Membership Committee:
 - Su Ugstad and Denise Green
- They will bring an outline to the February Meeting

3. Harvest Festival:

- Cheryl has quite altogether as parade coordinator
- Karen has her information, she did it last year and will continue this year also
- She would like to get started planning for HF 2018 next month

- Steve and Erika are heading it up this year
 - Looking for Themes and Ideas

4. North Country Trail:

- Making changes/rerouting the trail out of the wetlands. Cass County may be left out all together
- Looking for more information, if anybody has any information, please contact the Chamber at remerchamber@gmail.com

5. Explore Minnesota:

- On Wednesday, January 17 at 10:30 AM at the Depot the Regional Manager, Dave Bergman will be here to talk to anybody interested in hearing how they can help Remer

- **Motion to accept new business:**

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

Motion to adjourn

M/S/P S Ugstad/J Olson/Passed

**NEXT MEETING 5 PM
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
AT THE DEPOT**

Submitted By:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary