

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
MONTHLY MEETING  
July 17, 2018

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Russell, Sherri Logan, Scott Kesti, Blaine Raushel, Willie Huotari, Karen O'Neil, Shem and Mary Daugherty, Kaara Nissen, Walt and Carol Scollard and Marc Ruyak

**NEW MEMBERS:** Damen and Bridgette Decko

**GUEST:** Skip Rosen

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

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

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

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

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

- Kaara submitted the library report
  - Bigfoot Pancake Breakfast was an enormous success: Fed 250 raised \$687.58 and donated \$50 to the Chamber
  - Start at 8 am and go until 11 next year
  - Hoping to have a float in the Harvest Festival Parade
  - Moving the children section to the front and looking for parents to form a committee to help with book purchases new books and organize a reading program
- Motion to accept the library report

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Pavilion Update – Skip Rosen:

- Close to being ready for the slab
  - Concrete bids are hard to come by – people are either too busy or going out of business
- Must be marked out yet
- Trusses were ordered and will be in Mid-August
- If it is not completed this year; the \$2,500 grant will be lost

2. Bigfoot Days Update – Mary and Mark:

- Went very well – Numbers were up - activities and vendors were expanded over last year
- There were 55 runners pre-registered – and 108 total
- Raffle Tickets: 1706 were printed – 1500 were sold – somebody had their unsold books locked up and were unable to be sold
  - Winners: Joel B from Graves Lake won the cooler
  - Manny won the cash
  - Jason Langenbacher won the Silhouette
- Next year we will print tickets earlier
- \$2 Tickets VS \$1 tickets – need to generate more money for the Chamber
  - Each ¼ page costs \$400 and there were 3 or 4 ads

- The tickets are cheap to make – the software was free, paper was cheap, and Marc donates Mary's time
  - Bingo was small there was an overlap with the story tellers – which was an enormous success both Friday and Saturday, but it ran long then the next event was starting before Bingo was finished
  - Beer Garden did well – took in around \$1,700 – sold t-shirts too
    - We were unable to have the second beer garden as planned and stated in the last minutes – needed another permit
  - Table and Chairs: Still have missing chairs; but they found enough for bingo. The city has a chair cart that hold 100 chairs and we can use it and leave the chairs there for now
    - The tables we have are being stored at the Village hall
    - The chairs we do have are being stored at the City office
  - Redneck Olympics did well
  - 3 on 3 basketball – 19 teams
  - Six to Eight people went on a night hunt with Abe on Saturday night
3. Harvest Festival Update – Denise:
- There will be two beer gardens – one at the Depot and one in the Park
    - The Bloody Mary Bar will be in the one at the depot starting at 9 am
    - Lots of new and fun things going on
    - Meeting to following Chamber Meeting
4. Fall Has It All – Update – Sherri:
- Nothing new – meeting is Wednesday, July 18, 2018
  - Sherri will be contacting merchants to get their special list – please be prepared

5. Music Fest Update – Scott:

- \$3,600 in sponsors
- Need Volunteers to help

**GENERAL INFORMATION – ALL EVENTS:**

- Food Vendors: \$50
- Other Vendors and Flea Marketers: \$25
  - Chamber members – no fee – a donation will not be turned down
- Does the Chamber have an obligation to check food vendor license, insurance and permits?
  - Yes – but if there is an issue they get fined, not the Chamber
  - The State inspector was at Bigfoot days checking all the food vendors
  - More research in this area is needed

6. Flag Pole Update – Willie:

- There is a collar that must come off before more silica sand can be added
  - Nobody has the tool to remove the collar that Willie could find
  - VFW came and put a brace around it
- Willie will call the company that makes them again and get on the list to have the one repairman in MN come and fix it – he will ask if they have a tool we can borrow or where to purchase one
  - He will find out the cost of repairs – if it's \$1,000 we might think about a new pole for \$1,500

7. Loose boards in the deck:

- Willie will screw the boards back down

• **Motion to accept old business:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Owners of Thrifty, Nifty, New and Guitars Too
  - Sherri Logan introduced Damen and Bridgette Decko
  - They will be open Monday through Saturday
  - They are taking Donations
  - They may be giving Guitar lessons too
- **WELCOME!**
- **Motion to accept new business:**

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

**Motion to adjourn**

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

**NEXT MEETING 5 PM**

**August 21, 2018**

**AT THE DEPOT**

Submitted By:

Kim Archer

Chamber Secretary