

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING
April 16, 2019

OFFICERS PRESENT: Denise Green, Ron Anderson, Mary Daugherty

MEMBERS PRESENT: Su Ugstad, Carol Johnson, Willie Huotari, Sherri Berg, Bob Stoeckel, Walt Scollard, Carol Scollard, Margot Blubaugh, Scott Kesti, Skip Rosen

- Meeting called to order @ 5:05 pm by President Denise Green
- Additions and approval of agenda
- Motion to accept agenda:

M/S/P M Daugherty/C Johnson/Passed

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

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

Guest Speaker: Skip Rosen, Pavillion Update

Skip reported that the project had just received a check from Lima Township for \$2500. So far, there has been \$22,000 donated, which has paid for the trusses and concrete. Currently, Skip is looking for someone to head up the project, line up volunteers and finish up the pavillion. Please reach out to Skip if you are able to help in any capacity in this project.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kim Schultz is on board as our new Treasurer. Thank you Kim! In her absence of the meeting, Denise gave the financial report. Denise mentioned the laptop used by the Treasurer has an old version of Quickbooks that is not able to update. Motion to approve the purchase of a new updated version of Quickbooks for Kim's computer. **M/S/P R Anderson/W Huotari/passed**
Entire Financial Report M/S/P S Ugstad/S Kesti/Passed

LIBRARY REPORT:

Mary read the Library report in Kaara's absence:

- The Library will be hosting the Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny Saturday April 20th
- Still planning some craft events this year - Alicia Burgers to do a book craft on Saturday May 4th at 1 PM. Karen O'Neill also interested in leading one.
- They will be hosting a 'Volunteer Appreciation' luncheon on May 16th
- Library board meeting was held on April 11th, it was decided the Library will find someone to clean the library (book room & middle room). Judy Parise will be meeting Jean at the library on Wednesday to discuss the duties and cost.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Correspondence:
 - Star Tribune is doing a SUMMER FUN special publication promoting summer festival events and we were asked if we wanted to participate. The price of the advertising is considerably more than what we would like to spend at this time.
 - The US Census Bureau is hiring in the Remer area. You can apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs.
 - Faith In Action is having an "Evening in Tuscany Spaghetti Dinner" Tuesday April 23rd at 5:00 pm at the Union Church in Hackensack.

M/S/P R Anderson/W Scollard/Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

- Selling the Depot
 - Denise went to the City Council meeting to inform them of our discussions of potentially selling the depot and asking if they had any interest in the building. Mayor Gravelle said they are not interested.
 - Blandin has no strings attached to selling the building. Ron reported there may be financing available through Blandin to fix some of the maintenance issues.
 - The building is on the National Registry, however, if/when the depot sells, we have no control over what happens to the building. The potential new owners can do with the depot what they wish.
- Harvest Festival
 - Harvest meeting after the regular Chamber meetings @6:15 pm

NEW BUSINESS:

- Insurance
 - Our insurance premium is due. A motion was made by Scott Kesti to pay for that bill out of the operating fund, 2nd by Su Ugstad.
 - At the time of the meeting, we were still waiting for an estimate for the roof by Holker's
- MN Destinations magazine
 - They have arrived and are available to be picked up at the Thunder Lake Realty office (9-3)
- Committees
 - Gambling committee
 - Committee consists of Ron, Carol Johnson & Bob Stoeckel
 - need a budget in order to know what they can spend on raffle prizes
 - ideas for prizes include: travel vouchers, 'scratch & dent' travel trailer
 - selling tickets at area businesses as well as Bigfoot Days, Harvest Fest and Bigfoot Music Fest
 - Motion to allow \$5000 budget for gambling committee
M/S/P W Huotari/W Scollard/passed
 - Membership committee
 - Committee consists of Su, Mary & Kaara. They will be meeting to discuss getting new members and if we want to proceed with structure changes
 - Maintenance committee
 - Committee consists of Scott, Shem & Willie. They will meet to discuss any building, grounds and any other issues with regards to the depot.
- These committees will report monthly at the Chamber meetings

Motion to adjourn

M/S/P R Anderson/C Johnson/Passed

NEXT MEETING
May 21, 2019 @ 5 PM
AT THE DEPOT

HARVEST FESTIVAL MEETING TO FOLLOW!

Submitted By:
Mary Daugherty
Chamber Secretary