

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING
January 15, 2019

OFFICERS PRESENT: Denise Green, Ron Anderson, Patty Leerssen, Mary Daugherty

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Russell, Su Ugstad, Shem Daugherty, Carol Johnson, Cheire Frick, Willie Huotari, Donna Dugan, Blaine Raushel, Sherri Berg

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

M/S/P S Ugstad/R Anderson/Passed

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

M/S/P S Ugstad/C Johnson/Passed

SECRETARY REPORT:

Secretary Mary will be doing a brief Secretary report each month.

- I will be emailing the agendas and minutes as before but it will be up to each member to print off their own copies for the meeting. I will only have a couple copies on hand at the meetings to save on ink and paper costs.
- Welcome Wagon baskets are still going great! I am in need of empty baskets now. Sizes and shapes can vary but should be at least 12-16". We have 2 baskets filled and ready to go, but I'd like to have at least 4 completed on hand.

M/S/P R Anderson/S Berg/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Denise & Patty submitted the corrected financial reports for the last 3 months

- Motion to accept the financial reports

M/S/P D Russell/C Johnson/Passed

LIBRARY REPORT:

Kaara submitted the library report by email:

- The Library had their board meeting 1/10/19 with the following topics:
 - Rearranging the library to make the kid's section more visible. Goal to have the rearrange done by April 20th for Easter at the Library
 - Facebook postings asking for community input on books/activities the library could be doing
 - Try to develop a 'craft event'
 - Pam Peterson filled Darlene's board position
 - The library board is willing to help clean the upstairs of the depot with bookcases being available to use from the current library when the new ones are built. A date needs to be set for this.
 - With Julie's back injury (library cleaner), a replacement will need to be searched for

Motion to accept the library report

M/S/P D Russell/C Frick/Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Depot Railing Update:**
 - It is on the National Register. If we compromise the integrity of the building, we could lose our title as an historic site. We will check into possible grants or other funding to get the railing attached.

- **Huckabee Series Update:**
 - Shane has reached out 3 times to them with no response. This item has been terminated.
- **Vandalism Update:**
 - A call had been placed to the County Attorney. No new details yet.
- **Flagpole Update:**
 - We need a whole new flagpole. Shem mentioned to reach out to the VFW for donations to that project.
- **Outside lights:**
 - Due to an earlier storm, the lights have not been operational. This is now an insurance claim.
- **Operation Round Up:**
 - Fireworks grant?
- **Security System Update:**
 - Denise will meet with Alissa to enter the new individual codes. We are still looking into security cameras on the premises

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2019 Membership cards**
 - They are in and some were handed out at the Chamber meeting. Others will be mailed out.
- **Mid MN Sled Dog Races & Chili Cook-off**
 - Bob is heading up the sled dog races again, thank you Bob! Routes and times will be needed so we can coordinate the chili cook off
 - Donna is taking over the chili cook-off from Terri, thank you Donna!
 - If you are interested in helping with the event or want to enter your chili in the contest, please see Donna at the bank
 - The snowmobile club will host the event, thank you Ross!
 - Willie will plow a sledding hill and snow piles for kids games
 - Su will bring the Finnish ski's
 - Advertising needs to be done soon - ad's will be placed in the January 25th and February 5th Pine Cone Press editions
- **Fireworks**
 - scrap the idea? Very costly for a few minutes of fireworks. Money could be spent elsewhere during events
 - Blaine reported in speaking with Jeff from Lake Country Power, that Remer has the least amount of monetary donations from LCP when compared with surrounding areas. Many of our members can't volunteer at events but may be willing to donate monies or even sponsor an event if asked.
- **Events Committee**
 - We have had a community member come forward to take over Harvest Festival!
 - Denise said it would be beneficial to have a 'cheat sheet' of all the events we do as a Chamber to have a timeline of what needs to be done to make the event successful ie...advertising, getting a raffle together, getting volunteers, what works & what doesn't during the event, etc.
 - A Harvest Festival planning meeting will be held in February after our regular meeting. Any interested people wanting to help with the event, please attend.
 - Bigfoot Days - Marc heads this event, thank you Marc!

- Bigfoot Music Festival - Scott & Kaara head this event, thank you Scott & Kaara!
- Fall Has It All - discussion of what to do with this event
 - A highlight was the painted rocks hidden around town. Do we have a 1 day event called "Remer Rocks" with local merchant specials?
- **Spring mailer**
 - John will organize that again, thank you John!
 - ads are \$50 for members
- **MN Destinations 2019 magazine**
 - Deadline for placing and ad is February 1st, 2019
 - If you are interested in placing an ad, please call Jayne at the number below:
 - *Jayne Merila*
 - *Special Projects Representative*
 - *Park Rapids Enterprise*
 - *(218)732-3364 (office)*
 - *(218)237-1819 (direct dial)*
 - jmerila@parkrapidsenterprise.com

Motion to adjourn

M/S/P C Johnson/S Berg/Passed

NEXT MEETING
February 19, 2019 @ 5 PM
AT THE DEPOT
Harvest Festival Meeting to follow

Submitted By:
Mary Daugherty
Chamber Secretary