

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
March 19, 2019

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Denise Green, Ron Anderson, Mary Daugherty

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Su Ugstad, Carol Johnson, Willie Huotari, Sherri Berg, Bob Stoeckel, Kaara Nilsson, Scott Kesti, Kim Archer

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

**M/S/P            W Huotari/R Anderson/Passed**

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Unfortunately, Patty Leerssen has become too busy to take on the position. We reached out to Kim Schultz from FNB and she has graciously accepted the position. Alicia Burgers will get our financial records back on track and train Kim in the process. Thank you so much ladies!

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

Kaara reported:

- the library is still sorting out the kids section by age group
- they will be sending out letters to area townships asking for monetary donations
- meet the Easter Bunny will be April 20th at the library (thank you John K)
- during the Depot organizing, the library organized their room upstairs, looks great!
- in talking with Infinity Graphix rep, we will need to replace the entire scrolling sign as it is outdated and not able to be repaired. It is over 10 years old now.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Correspondence:
  - Brian Corgard interested in creating a trail race along the North Country Trail in the Remer area. Email was forwarded to Kristian Myers as the outgoing Cross Country coach to possibly pass along to the incoming coach to help out.
  - New vendor for Harvest Festival flea market from Cass Lake selling outdoor decor.
  - Divine Healing Heart Ministries, new chamber members, will be setting up a tent & tables during Bigfoot Days.
  - With regrets, Dan Russell resigned from RACC. Dan has served our community for countless years and might go down as one if not the **best** BINGO callers we've ever had in Remer! Dan will be missed at Chamber events but as always, you'll see him around town. Please stop and thank him for all he does for our little town!
  - I am asking for more donations for our Welcome Wagon Baskets, please. With summer approaching, (kind of) we anticipate a booming real estate market with more and more people moving to our area. Please consider donating to these great welcome baskets. Thank you in advance!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Membership - form committee

- Kaara, Su & Mary have agreed to be on the committee. They will discuss the possible restructuring of membership, which will affect the by-laws as well.
- last structuring was in 2011
- most feedback from the annual meeting was members don't want to lose their voting rights
- Organization of the Depot
  - members spent 2 days cleaning, sorting, disposing and moving items in the entire depot - thank you to all who came to help, what a difference!
  - meeting area is now in the middle room which wasn't getting much use
  - railroad artifacts, donations and memorabilia will be placed in the museum side - we will be reaching out to Mark Gravelle, NHS shop teacher, to build cases for collectibles
- Security system - Operation Round Up from LCP
  - Ron will fill out the grant form to see if we would qualify for grant funds to pay for the security system (\$4000+) and @ \$500-\$600/year to monitor the Depot

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Selling the depot
  - We are currently running into a lot of maintenance issues with the depot (See maintenance report at the bottom)
  - Northland Lions donate money every month to help with maintenance costs, heating/cooling etc.
  - Main question from members is where their money is going. Majority goes to upkeep of the depot and the rest to advertising.
  - Towns our size don't have Chambers that own real estate. We don't necessarily need to 'own a building' to have meetings. We could have monthly meetings at local establishments that are Chamber members.
  - In talking with the Cass County Recorder's office, there are currently no covenants or restrictions on the Depot or land the Chamber owns.
- Harvest Festival
  - During the recent Facebook poll, many comments and votes for both. The purpose of the poll was not to eliminate one event or the other, but simply to see what people's thoughts were regarding the events and how to improve & get more people involved with the events.
  - Since we have not had anyone come forward to chair Harvest Festival, Marc Ruyak agreed to help coordinate the event with the current volunteers. Karen O'Neill will still head up the parade, thank you Karen! Seifert's will do the trap shoot again in the morning. BINGO will be held at the Village Hall.
  - Flea market & food vendors will still be on Main Street
  - The decision was made to make the event a one day only, Saturday, event. Friday night activities do not draw enough of a crowd. We will still have a Grand Marshall and Business Of The Year. An email will be sent to Chamber Members to vote on who they would like to see in those capacities.
  - The theme will be, simply, Harvest Fest!
- Gambling Committee
  - Ron, Carol Johnson & Bob Stoeckel will head up this committee
  - The purpose is to have 1 group be in charge of all raffles and gambling related items

- We are looking at doing a year long raffle of a large ticket item that can be portable to bring to outside area events to sell tickets. Raffle tickets will be at all chamber locations in Remer. The drawing will be held the evening of Christmas Crawl.
- Maintenance
  - missing shingles - need to reach out to Lou Holker to inspect it
  - mold & moisture upstairs
  - sheetrock upstairs needs to be removed due to black mold
  - need to create a maintenance team to look at the building semi-annually or after any major storms for any needed repairs. Shem, Willie & Scott will be on the committee

**Motion to adjourn**

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

**NEXT MEETING  
April 16, 2019 @ 5 PM  
AT THE DEPOT**

Submitted By:  
Mary Daugherty  
Chamber Secretary