

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING
May 21, 2019

OFFICERS PRESENT: Denise Green, Ron Anderson, Mary Daugherty, Kim Schultz

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shem Daugherty, Willie Huotari, Bob Stoeckel, Walt Scollard, Carol Scollard, Scott Kesti, Skip Rosen, Kim Archer, Marc Ruyak

- Meeting called to order @ 5:01 pm by President Denise Green
- Additions and approval of agenda
- Motion to accept agenda:

M/S/P S Daugherty/S Rosen/Passed

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

M/S/P S Daugherty/K Archer/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kim Schultz reported the totals in the following accounts:

Caboose fund \$844.00, Pavillion fund \$14,931.90 with an additional \$2500 to be added, Bigfoot Statue \$160.00, GRACF operating fund \$11,897.49 (minus \$2662.00 for insurance premium) and the Endowment fund \$29,245.84. **M/S/PR Anderson/S Daugherty/passed**

LIBRARY REPORT:

Mary read the Library report in Kaara's absence:

- The library had 10 people attend the book flower craft class, it was a success! Hope to have more classes this summer. Karen O'Neil was interested in teaching one.
- The library hosted their "Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon". They had about 20 people attend and are thankful for their help in keeping the library going.
- They are looking for more volunteers to help staff the library. Please spread the word! They will be experimenting with splitting the Saturday shift into two 2 hours increments. Hopefully this might help get people to sign up for Saturday shifts which are the hardest to fill.
- They will be having their "Open House and Book Sale" on June 15th. They would like to use the end room (museum side) to set up on Friday June 14th and hold the book sale in there on the 15th as weather can be unpredictable. Pete Gordienko will be their guest author for this event.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Correspondence:
 - Deep Portage Learning Center is hosting a 'Side By Side Shoot' on Saturday June 8th at 9 am. This is a fundraiser to support youth, shooting and conservation education. More information can be found on their website at www.deep-portage.org or call 218-682-2325 or 888-280-9908.
 - Mary is still in need of donations for the Welcome Wagon baskets. If you can donate a gift certificate, business related items (can koozies, mugs, bags, etc) please consider doing so. They are a great gift to our new residents in Remer.

M/S/P K Archer/R Anderson/Passed

GAMBLING REPORT:

Ron Anderson, Chair of the Gambling Committee, reported that tickets for the Bigfoot Days raffle are on sale now! \$10/ticket and there are 6 prizes total including 2 houseboat trip vouchers as the top prizes. The drawing will be held July 6th, 5:00 pm at the Remer Muni. Get yours soon!!!

M/S/P W Scollard/W Huotari/Passed

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Was not able to meet this month.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

- Spring clean up is on the agenda which includes flower beds, grounds cleanup. DATE IS SET FOR TUESDAY MAY 28TH, 5:00 PM. Please bring your own gardening tools and stay for pizza and barley pop after the cleanup! Please spread the word to the Library, Lions & Garden Club volunteers to help as well.
- Shem will call Lisa at the City office to get the ok to bring stuff to the city dump site.
- May 31st at 11:00 am, the insurance adjuster will be meeting Denise and hopefully 1 or 2 of the maintenance team at the Depot to discuss the claim.

M/S/P M Daugherty/K Archer/Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

- Insurance - meeting with the adjuster on the 31st of May.
- MN Destinations magazine - still available at the Depot or Thunder Lake Realty. Please consider putting them at your places of business as they are a great resource for vacationers. If you are a resort owner, please stop by either location to pick them up for your guests.
- Selling the Depot
 - At this point, there is nothing to prevent us from selling the Depot.
 - Both Remer brokerages, Thunder Lake Realty & Woodsbay Realty, will be doing comparative market analysis on the property. It is estimated that we could list it for \$250,000.
 - There are mounting issues regarding maintenance and expenses
 - Concern for what will happen to the library. The city has already proposed they move into the old Village Hall.
 - Walt Scollard reported the Lions, as a club, are opposed to selling the depot. They donate \$500/monthly to the Depot & the library to help defray costs.
 - Motion was made by Shem Daugherty to sell the Depot and bring it to the Chamber members to vote on it. He then tabled the motion after discussion of waiting until the insurance claim had been settled.
 - It was discussed and decided that the officers will need to do a complete breakdown as the building's maintenance issues.
 - We will be bringing this breakdown to the 2019 annual meeting.
- Harvest Festival
 - Harvest meeting after the regular Chamber meetings @6:15 pm
 - Marc Ruyak is the point of contact for this years festival, thank you Marc!
 - Harvest Festival will be a 1 day event to include: trap shooting in the morning hosted by Tyler & Spencer Seifert at the shooting range, food vendors, flea market vendors, beer garden and THE BEST DARN PARADE IN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA!
- Pavillion Update

- Skip met with Greg Switala to facilitate the building project
 - Northland Lions gave another \$4000 towards the project
 - Electricity needed at the pavillion. Discussion if the Chamber would donate the electricity - more discussion needed on that.
 - Projected completion @ Harvest Festival weekend

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bigfoot Music Festival Sponsorship
 - Scott Kesti will be asking for donations again this year. With a \$100 donation, you will get 2 free tickets and advertising. With a \$300 donation, you will get 6 free tickets and more advertising.
 - Scott will be looking for Chamber members to donate to the Music Festival as well as reaching outside of the Remer Chamber for donations.
 - Reminder that SquatchCamp, located at Balsam Bay Resort, is open for campers for all Chamber events.
- Spring Clean Up Day
 - As mentioned, the date is TUESDAY MAY 28TH AT 5:00. BYOT (bring your own tools)
- Bigfoot Days
 - Marc reported that the event will be the same as last year as far as events
 - BBQ contest will most likely be at the Motel again
 - A question was asked about the Bigfoot Statue fund and how much it would cost. Marc reported the statue he is looking at is around \$30,000.
 - Marc asks that you invite any BBQ'ers and 5K runners you know to enter the events being held on Bigfoot Days!

Motion to adjourn:

M/S/P W Scollard/K Archer/Passed

***NEXT MEETING
June 18, 2019 @ 5 PM
AT THE DEPOT***

HARVEST FESTIVAL MEETING TO FOLLOW!

Submitted By:
Mary Daugherty
Chamber Secretary