

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2019

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shem Daugherty, Willie Huotari, Walt Scollard, Carol Scollard, Bob Stoeckel, Scott Kesti, Sherri Berg

- Meeting called to order @ 5:03 pm by President Denise Green
- Additions and approval of agenda
 - add Rachel Holker - painting the caboose
 - Operation Round-Up results

M/S/P R Anderson/W Huotari/passed

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

M/S/P S Daugherty/R Anderson/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kim had a wonderful presentation using the new Quickbooks program. Thank you Kim for your tireless work on getting that going. Much appreciated!!

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

LIBRARY REPORT:

Kaara submitted the library report to Mary. It was as follows: The book sale at the music fest raised \$101 for Pat & Karen O'Neil. The Library is still looking for volunteers. The vacuum died, not sure if it was the Chamber's or Library's but they bought a new one.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Correspondence:

- REMINDER OF ADVERTISING: The Growler Magazine and ExploreMN have partnered for a Co-Op marketing program for their quarterly special insert guide. The deadline to advertise here is **OCTOBER 1** for the 2020 season.
- I have submitted my letter of resignation as Secretary effective December 31, 2019. I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity and will continue to support Chamber events.

M/S/P S Daugherty/W Scollard/Passed

GAMBLING REPORT:

Ron reported a great time was had at the Bigfoot Music Festival. They did 50/50 raffles every hour on the hour and made \$300, minus the permit of \$100, banked \$200. More help was needed to make the raffles go smoother as far as tearing tickets and selling. In the future, the gambling committee would like to purchase a big ticket item (Ice Castle) to sell tickets all year long & do the drawing at Christmas Crawl. They would still do smaller raffles at each event in the summer.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

The committee will meet again on September 24 to finalize the membership breakdown. We will be presenting our plan at the annual meeting October 15. Voting on this plan will be at the November regular meeting.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

New roof was installed!

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bigfoot Music Festival
 - attendance similar to last year
 - beer sales were good, but prices could've been higher for 16 oz glasses & pitchers
 - how do we get more people to attend?
 - possibly make it a 1 day event to draw more people and go longer into the evening
 - Lions Club raised \$1500 for Pat O'Neil's benefit
- Farmers Market Co-Op
 - Ron talked to Greg at the Wagon Wheel. We would need someone to head it up and run it. Decision to table it until Spring.
- Nomination Committee
 - 1 President nominee
 - 1 Treasurer nominee
 - 1 Secretary nominee for 1 year to fulfill a 2 year term
- Insurance Update
 - New room was installed, final check coming soon
 - Received a check for the scrolling sign for cash value. Decision was made the board to hold on to that check in a separate account. The current sign is obsolete and a new sign would be similar to that of Northland School's or Holker's Do It Best sign, total \$80,000.
 - Flag pole - no one in the area installs the pole. A recommendation was made to reach out to the American Legion in Walker.
- Selling the Depot
 - The board decided to table the issue until we do more research and the insurance claim has been finalized and the mold issue upstairs is rectified.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual Meeting - **OCTOBER 15, 2019, 5:00 pm SOCIAL HOUR, 6:00 MEETING at the PUB**
- Haunted House - Sherri Berg will reach out to Carol Johnson to see if Mike & Margo are interested in heading it up
- Turkey Bingo - November 24, 2019. Carol Barton will need to be called to reserve the Village Hall. Bake sale/silent auction will make a comeback!!
- Christmas Crawl - Cheri & Ted Frick run this event. Discussion regarding non-Chamber members participating in the Christmas Crawl at no cost. We will reach out to Cheri about this. 50/50 drawings will be held throughout the evening.
- Rachel Holker reached out to Denise regarding the Caboose. As she was working on the roof with the crew, she noticed how the caboose is in need of the letters painted. She offered to do that for \$250. She would do the lettering only.
M/S/P S Daugherty/W Huotari/Passed
- Jerry Varner is on the board for Lake Country Power Operation Round-Up. He reported to Denise that they approved a donation of \$3000 towards the security system at the Depot. He was able to bump up the donation to \$4000! Thank you to Jon Karner & Carol Johnson for filling out the paperwork to get this going.

- Jerry also reported to Denise that Operation Round-Up gave the Pavillion \$1750 towards electricity to the building. That's roughly half of what they were asking for.

Motion to adjourn:

M/S/P S Daugherty/R Anderson/PASSED

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Submitted By:
Mary Daugherty
Chamber Secretary