

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2020

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jon Karner, Ron Anderson, Mary Daugherty, Kim Schultz

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shem Daugherty, Bob Stoeckel, Kaara Nilsson, Sherri Berg, Carol Johnson, Su Ugstad

- Meeting called to order @ 5:02 pm by President Jon Karner
- Additions and approval of agenda

M/S/P S Daugherty/S Ugstad/passed

- Meeting minutes from the regular & special meetings were looked over
 - o Mary asked for confirmation on dates on the 2020 calendar of events. Changes were made to the dates of Bigfoot Music Festival to reflect *Sept 12 & 13*, FNB plant sale as *May 1*, FNB holiday open house as *December 4*.
- Motion to accept the minutes

M/S/P S Daugherty/S Ugstad/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kim reported we have \$20,497.25 in the register balance, Caboose fund \$844, Pavillion fund \$1,844.68, Bigfoot Statue \$160, GRACF Operating fund \$16,197.51, GRACF Endowment fund \$31,967.02, Depot repair fund \$12,973.40.

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LIBRARY REPORT:

Kaara did not have much to report other than a thank you to Bob Stoeckel for shoveling the sidewalk and boardwalk to the library & museum entrance.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Correspondence:

- A letter was received by Kayla Fenning from Harvest Church asking for donations to their Easter Eggsplosion to be held in April. Discussion was had and it was decided that since the Harvest Church is not a member of the Chamber, there would be no donation given at this time.
- Currently we have 48 members which is down from our 56 members in 2019. I will be sending out a letter to past members who still have not rejoined in the hopes they will rejoin yet this year.

M/S/P R Anderson/S Daugherty/passed

GAMBLING REPORT:

Ron reported that the gambling committee met and they discussed the Harvest Festival raffle be a gun as the first place prize and then 4 cash prizes for 2-5 place starting at \$2500 down to \$1000. Tickets would be \$20 each and we would sell 1000. There would be posters and banners around town(s) about the raffle and ticket sales would start in late April/early May. Drawing to be held at the end of the day Saturday of Harvest Festival.

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

Ron also reported that the Christmas Crawl raffle will be a vacation voucher for \$5000. Tickets will be \$10 each and will sell 1000 tickets. Bigfoot Days will be 50/50 drawings throughout the day. Volunteers will be needed to sell tickets for an hour or so shift during the day.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Su reported that she has removed the non-renewed members from the webpage. Minuteman Press will be doing our 2020 membership cards again. The yellow Home of Bigfoot will be the picture on the cards this year.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Jon suggested that there is no need to have a committee for this anymore. Ron reported there is still mold present in the upstairs of the depot and that it needs to be taken care of as soon as possible. Jon will be checking with people on fixing the damaged restrooms as well so we can get those open again.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sled dog races and chili cookoff
 - Kim reported that the event took in \$537.00 minus \$97 to TC'S Foods for food & supplies for a grand total of \$439.80 profit. Other items were donated from Woodsman Cafe, Cenex, FNB, Manny Das Neves and the Snowmobile Club.
 - 64 people purchased chili with 10 entries, no restaurants were in the competition this year. Winners of the cook-off were Su Ugstad 1st place & Jerry Varner 2nd place. Congrats to both!
 - Kim also wanted to give a BIG thank you to Donna Dugan who did an amazing job getting the whole chili cook-off set up and running smoothly and for her wonderful report. Thank you Donna!!
 - Also a big thank you to **all** the volunteers who were both inside and outside at the event. Can't do it without you!
 - Thank you Bob Stoeckel for another great event and all your hard work once again!
 - Only complaint was that the bonfire was all the way down by Bigfoot Gas & Gifts, not by the chili feed and sled dog finish line.
 - Bob will be working with Jay Pepin to move the entire event to The Source (Youth & Community Center on Mill Street) so we have a larger venue both inside and outside next year. Mark your calendars - 2/13/2021!
- Security System / Reopening the museum and caboose
 - Jon & Ron met with Alissa Tschida from American Eagle Security to learn how to view the camera footage. The log will go back 30 days. There are a few blank spaces where another camera(s) could go; the outside entrance leading upstairs & in the caboose. We also need to have American Eagle Security Systems signage on the property. A motion was made to approve the \$600 cost to add the 2 cameras on the property.

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- The officers and anyone using the Depot on a regular basis will be entering their own code into the system for access into the museum side.
- Discussion was had regarding opening up the museum & caboose again. It was decided that we would wait until spring to reopen them both when there is less snow and less chance for slipping on the ice on the boardwalk.

* Scrolling Sign

- Jon met with Kristian regarding the insurance claim on the depot, specifically the scrolling sign. We will not be replacing the sign as it is extremely expensive. The insurance claim will now be closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tabled until March meeting

Motion to adjourn:

M/S/P R Anderson/S Daugherty/passed

***Next Regular Meeting:
March 17, 2020
5 PM at the Remer Depot***

Submitted By:
Mary Daugherty
Chamber Secretary