REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2013

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bob Stoeckel, Julie Stoeckel and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherri & Pete Logan, Alicia Burgers, Su Ugstad, Ted & Cherri Frick, Elizabeth Frick, Dennis & Nancy Stefan, Howard Prushek, Scott Kesti, Dave DeLost, Walt & Carol Scollard, Jean Olson, Christine Desmond and Alyson Strobel

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Bob Stoeckel
- Additions and approval of agenda
- Motion to accept agenda

M/S/P J Stoeckel/S Logan/Passed

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

M/S/P D Stefan/W Scollard/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Julie submitted the financial report
 - o The trust fund is at \$25,000 and \$977 is available
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

M/S/P W Scollard/C Scollard/Passed

- THRIFTY NIFTY & NEW REPORT:
- Alicia Burger submitted a yearly and monthly financial report
- The finance committee will meet right after the Chamber meeting to discuss TN&N making a \$50 donations to Toys for Kids
- Motion to accept the Thrifty Nifty & New Report

M/S/P J Stoeckel/W Scollard/Passed

- LIBRARY REPORT:
- Jean Olson submitted the Library Report
- o They are ready for Santa on Saturday lots of treats, toys and refreshments
- o Jean will be providing I pad help for those who sign up for it on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
- o Today was the last day for the book mobile But Remer's Library is part of a pilot program:
 - 1. You can still go on line and order books
 - 2. The people will be coming the 2nd & 4th Tuesday to the Depot, same schedule, they will be bringing boxes of books for people to choose from and any ordered on line YOU MUST come during the 1.5 hours they are there to pick up your book, they cannot leave ordered books with the library
 - 3. You must have a Library card to order on line; Jean can show you how to get on line and order books, but the Library cannot issue a library card for the book mobile books

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. FHIA update with Alicia Burger:
- The Chamber purchased 100 buttons @ \$350, only 47 were sold @ \$4.00 each = \$188
- o It was the consensus to stick it out; Dave DeLost pointed out that it takes a couple of years to really find your spot in the whole thing. He said Walker is not doing as much, Hackensack has the chainsaw sculpting and Longville has Oktoberfest and Remer needs to find a weekend event to have each year during Fall Has It All
- o If you have any ideas please submit them to the secretary or come to the next meeting
 - 2. Turkey Bingo Update:
- o Bingo took in \$125 after expense and the silent pie auction took in \$260

Thank YOU everybody who helped and participated!

- 3. <u>Depot Decorating Update by Su Ugstad</u>:
- Unfortunately the cold has hampered Bob and Su's efforts, but they are not giving up!
 Thank YOU looks great!

Thank YOU to Lake Country Power for the rebate on the new Christmas lights!

- 4. Shop Small Business Saturday:
- Nobody noticed that there was more traffic in the local businesses, but Dave and the paper will continue to promote it and Remer will continue as well
 - 5. Santa Will Be At the Library Saturday, December 14th:

Thank YOU to Carol & Walt Scollard's son who takes up a collection at his Church every year for new and gently used toys to donate for the area children

- 6. 2013 Christmas Crawl Update by Cheri Frick: Tuesday, December 17 from 5 to 8 pm
- There are posters and flyers made up with each participating business listed along with their special, these are being distributed to all the surrounding towns – there will be food, drinks, gifts, drawings, discounts and Christmas Carolers
 - 7. 2014 Membership Dues:
- o If you have not paid your dues please remember that if they are not paid by February 1st you will no longer be listed on the Remer web page
 - Motion to accept Old Business:

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NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Festival of the Falling Snowflakes:
- o Need volunteers to help please let Bob or Kim know if you can help out in any way!
- Need Chili cook off contestants
- o And we are looking for new ideas of things to do that Saturday

Some Suggestions were to:

- *Share the cost of a band with the Pub and have them in town during the day
- *Finnish ski races in town
- *Have a friendly competition with Longville: which town could build the largest snowman?
- *Looking for more ideas!
- Motion to Adjourn:

M/S/P D Stefan/S Logan/Passed

Merry Christmas Everybody Have a Safe, Happy and Blessed New Year

> NEXT MEETING 5 pm: January 14th At The Depot

Submitted by: Kim Archer Chamber Secretary