

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2013**

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bob Stoeckel, Julie Stoeckel, Shawn Dickinson, Michelle Tessin and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Bullock, Jason Roper, Sheri Logan, Christine Desmond and Alicia Burgers

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

M/S/P M Tessin/J Stoeckel/Passed

- Motion to accept the Minutes

M/S/P S Dickinson/M Tessin/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Budget for 2013 submitted
- Financial report submitted
- Next month a 2012 vs. 2013 comparison of memberships will be submitted
- Motion to accept the Minutes

M/S/P S Logan/S Dickinson/Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fall Has It All:
 - a. Bob & Alicia have been checking with the local businesses to see if they are interested in participating by having a prize/discount/gift for button wearers and they are getting a good response – the buttons are good in the other three communities that participate in Fall Has it all (Walker, Longville, Hackensack)
 - b. Starts September 19th & ends October 5th
 - c. Chamber would purchase a box of 50 buttons at \$2.50 each – sell them for \$3 each
 - d. Businesses that participate will receive free advertising
 - e. Christine Desmond will unofficially put something together this year; she isn't going to advertise, but if it goes well it will be on the list next year
 - f. Bob would like to see Thrifty, Nifty & New, Ice Cube, Rusty Bucket and Remer Craft Store have some kind of a sale on Saturday September 28th to bring people into town
 - g. Fall Fest will be October 5 with bake sale/pie auction, scarecrow making and pumpkin painting
2. The new cards came in and Bob will hand them out to the businesses that have already paid their dues and the rest will be mailed out
3. The St Patrick's Day ad it out – looks good
4. Library Grand Opening:
 - a. Had between 70 and 80 people attend
 - b. Positive feedback - only negative feedback: no drop box
 - c. Took in \$175 in donations, there is still some money that the Friends of the Library took in that has not been reported
 - d. There is a queen size quilt up for raffle – stop and get your tickets
 - e. The bake sale raised over \$500 for Jane Jewett
5. Easter:
 - a. Flyers are up
 - b. Saturday, March 23rd at the Village Hall from 10 am to Noon
 - c. Please call Renee Brown 566-4280 or Katie McMullen 566-3093 if you can volunteer

6. Thank you **SU UGSTAD**: The answering machine is up and working and the Chamber Facebook page is being maintained by Su!

- Motion to accept Old Business

M/S/P S Dickinson/K Bullock/Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Harvest Festival:

- a. Kathy has vendors signing up already
- b. Kids Tractor Pull
- c. Petting Zoo
- d. Band to play from after the parade until the tractor pull at 4:30
- e. Businesses to sponsor events again
- f. Maybe a stunt cyclist
- g. The pancake breakfast needs to be taken over by a family or business
- h. Kathy will be talking to Mr. Kinser about the band being in the parade and maybe getting the school more involved in community events
- i. We are looking for ideas for this year's Theme – submit ideas on Facebook, mail them to PO Box 101 or call the Depot 566-1680
- j. Fund raising in the months before Harvest Festival?
- k. THERE WILL BE A HARVEST FESTIVAL MEETING RIGHT AFTER THE CHAMBER MEETING APRIL 9TH – PLEASE COME!**

2. Inside the Depot: Needs to be cleaned up and re-organized, the old copier has to be gotten rid of, tables stored and the Library extra taken upstairs. Bob would like to keep the museum portion open to tourists and uncluttered

3. April & May Ideas:

- a. Memorial Weekend: City wide Rummage Sale and Bingo?
- b. Your ideas and input are welcome

4. The Sign is almost paid for

5. The Caboose will take AT LEAST \$5,000 to finish restoring

- a. Pete and Sheri Logan have taken some of the stuff out of storage and are working on cleaning and restoring it
- b. Bob would like to see the Caboose become the information center!
- c. Ideas: have your name burned into the wooden rail of the railroad track for a donation of a certain amount and sell railroad spikes that have been made into wall hooks

6. Thrifty Nifty & New:

- a. Sheri submitted their minutes
- b. Opening April 18th
- c. Grand Opening on May 4th along with Ice Cube and the re-opening of the Rusty Bucket and Remer Arts and Crafts
- d. The Chamber will sponsor the ads

- Motion to accept New Business and Adjourn

M/S/P K Archer/J Stoeckel/Passed

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH @ 5 PM

Submitted by:

Kim Archer

Chamber Secretary