

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherri Logan, Su Ugstad, Cheri Frick, Elizabeth Frick, Scott Kesti & Jean Olson

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Bob Stoeckel
- Additions and approval of agenda – 5 additions & one correction were made to the Agenda:
 1. Christmas decorating at the Depot
 2. Joining the Grand Rapids Chamber
 3. Shop Small Business/Shop Local Saturday
 4. Downtown businesses being open until 8 pm
 5. Thrifty Nifty & New
 6. Santa
- The next Chamber meeting is Tuesday, December 10th – not the 12th
- Motion to accept the corrected agenda

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

- Meeting minutes from the last meeting were looked over – there was one change to last month's minutes: Turkey Bingo is on SUNDAY, November 24th from 2 to 4 pm
- Motion to accept the corrected minutes

M/S/P S Ugstad/J Stoeckel/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Julie submitted the financial report
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

M/S/P S Ugstad/C Frick/Passed

- **THRIFTY NIFTY & NEW REPORT:**
- They did get a dumpster and they have gone from having it emptied once a week to once a month
- They have had two successful garage sales to get rid of the stuff they were throwing away
- Winter hours start right after Thanksgiving: Friday and Saturday 10 am to 5 pm
- Mid-March they go back to Thursdays
- Bob will be running the store in Sherri's absence this winter & he needs volunteers
- Sherri would like to put a "thank you" in the paper thanking all the volunteers, donators and customers
- Motion to accept the Thrifty Nifty & New Report

M/S/P J Stoeckel/S Dickinson/ Passed

- **LIBRARY REPORT:**
- Jean Olson was here from the Friends of the Library Committee and submitted a report
- Hours are changing; Julie will put them on the sign
- Senior day is going well – hope to add a free iPad/Tablet class for the seniors
- Started a Co-ed book club: 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 1 pm
- They would like to help at the dog sled races in February
- Quilt raffle: on display at the bank - tickets are \$2.00 each – purchase at the bank, the library and Thrifty Nifty and New - drawing is December 13 at 4 pm
- There are three new computers available – purchased with a grant from Blandins!
 - Free internet provided
- Dan shovels, Bob will talk to Luke Holter and between them they should be able to keep the parking lot plowed this winter
- Check out the website www.remerlibrary.org and like them on FaceBook!
- Motion to accept the Library Report

M/S/P S Dickinson /J Stoeckel/ Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Fall Has It All Update:**
- Julie reported that we spent \$350 on buttons and made \$193
- This was our first year and the instructions were unclear as to how many times a person could use their button at a business – it is up to each business, if you are giving out a gift it would probably be one per customer, but if you are giving a discount, they could come in everyday
- Motion to accept Old Business:

M/S/P J Stoeckel/ S Dickinson /Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Turkey Bingo/Silent Pie Auction:** Sunday, November 24th @ the Village Hall from 2 to 4 Bonnie Renn & family will be once again doing Turkey Bingo – please contact her if you are donating pies or want to help with the Silent Pie Auction
 - The Chamber will be putting an ad in the Pine Cone
 - The owner of the pie that brings in the most money will receive a Turkey
 - Pie drop off will start at 10:30 AM on Sunday, November 24th
- **Reminder that Membership Dues are due** – please pay by February 1st
- **Christmas Party:** Tuesday, December 10th @ 5 pm – Please bring an appetizer or desert to share
- **Christmas Decorating at the Depot:** Bob & Su Ugstad will once again be decorating – please contact them if you would like to help
- Motion for them to purchase new lights – a budget of \$200.00

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

- **Grand Rapids Chamber:** We will be joining the chamber but we not subscribing to the website
- **Shop Small/Shop Local:** Saturday, November 30th is Shop small business Saturday and Bob will be running an ad in the Pine Cone – please contact Bob or Dave DeLost if you want to participate and run a special that day
- **Down Town Businesses Open Late:** Tuesday, December 17th – for those who work, giving them a chance to purchase Christmas presents locally – please stay open until 8 pm – please contact Bob if you want to participate so you can be included in the ad in the Pine Cone
- **Thrifty Nifty & New:** Needs a secretary and board member – please see Bob or Sherri if you can help out
- **Santa!** It was suggested that Santa be at the Library this year and read the book during story time – Bob will check with the Library and Santa -
- Motion to Adjourn:

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

**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:
DECEMBER 10th
At The Depot**

Submitted by:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary