

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2011**

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bob Stoeckel, Ted Frick, Carol Scollard and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee & Bonnie Renn, Dan Russell, Su Ugstad, Walt Scollard, Shawn Dickinson, Michelle Tessin, Denise Green & Rachael McCall

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Bob Stoeckel

- Additions and approval of agenda
- Motion to accept agenda

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

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

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

- **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

1. Ted did not submit a written report because no checks were written to pay the monthly bills; they were all submitted to Blandin's for payment because the Lions Club gifted the Chamber money and it was put into the Trust Fund.
2. He did report that there is \$5,300 in the sign account, \$9,200 in Harvest Festival account and \$22,000 in the operations account.
3. There is \$2,000 or \$3,000 left to collect on the sign, some individual pledges have not been paid; and the Bank and the City are going to pay the rest.
4. We have two new members, Minuteman Press and FIT Web Design.
5. The advertising flyers go out – it cost \$800 to mail them to 5,000 addresses

- Motion to accept the Financial Report

M/S/P cannot accept the report that is not submitted

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Caboose:** Pat O'Neil was painting around the windows and got heat stroke, so he did not finish; but it will get done
2. **Grand Rapids Chamber Website – contract due - \$150 per year:** according to the letter that the Chamber received there have been 76 hits from their website to ours during January 2011 to May 2011. Kim will contact Kerry Larson from the Grand Rapids Chamber to see if she can get us the numbers for June, July and August by the September Chamber meeting and Bob will check with James to see how many hits our site gets on its own. Chamber members can easily add our link to their web page. The Chamber will continue to explore advertising options, if you have any ideas you can submit them or bring them to a meeting.
3. **Cookbooks:** 200 were made & sell for \$10 each - 60 have been spoken for, they will be for sale on Friday @ the spaghetti dinner and at the Depot on Saturday.
4. **Calendars:** 1,000 were made & sell for \$8 for one or 2 for \$15 and they will be for sale at the spaghetti dinner Friday and at the Depot on Saturday.
 - The calendars can be sold at businesses if they want after Harvest Festival
5. **History Books:** Came in

6. **Harvest Festival Advertising Flyers:** Total cost - \$2,900 - \$1,500 for printing, \$600 for set up, \$800 for mailing. The Chamber will make a profit of \$200 if all the ads are paid for.

7. **Harvest Festival Report:** Everything is going according to plan. Michelle Tessin reported that we have very few vendors coming because they were booked already; she found out that Jodi Archer sent the letters in February, much earlier than we were able to start this year.

- Motion to accept Old Business

M/S/P S Dickinson/W Scollard/Passed

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Election Committee Setup:** A two to three person committee needs to be set up and their job is to check with members to see if they would be interested in any of the positions up for election for 2012; these are for a two year term. President, Vice President and Treasurer are all up this year. Bob and Carol are okay with being re-elected; Ted is not going to run again. Michelle Tessin has put her name in the running for Treasurer; but she works in Longville, she would like to have a co-treasurer in Remer and Denise Green volunteered.

- a. Volunteers for this committee are: Walt Scollard, Bonnie Renn and Denise Green

2. **Picnic Table Restoration:** Fran Nicklason donated three older picnic tables to the Chamber.

A motion was made to use them for HF and then sell them because they are heavy and hard to move every time the City mows

M/S/P M Tessin/W Scollard/Passed

Su Ugstad made an offer and it was unanimously accepted

3. **Halloween Dance:** Shawn will take the lead this year – any volunteers to help him out?

4. **Fall Fest:** Usually the first weekend of October is going to be the **2nd weekend** this year. Bonnie Renn and Fran Nicklason will be in charge. We have the White Elephant Sale.

There is a list of items **NOT** being accepted, please contact Bonnie for a copy of the list.

There is also the bake sale/pie auction, and a scarecrow making contest!

5. **Annual Meeting in October:** Location needs to be decided and the election of officers will take place at this time, terms to start in January 2012

- Motion to accept New Business

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

- **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

M/S/P M Tessin/D Russell/Passed

NEXT MEETING: September 13th @ 5 pm

Submitted by:

Kim Archer

Chamber Secretary