

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
November 8, 2011**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Julie Stoeckel, Howard Prushek, Denise Green, Nancy Green, Linda Johnson, Rachel McCall, Walt Scollard, Lee & Bonnie Renn, Dan Russell, Shawn Dickinson, Michelle Tessin, Jim Wester, Su Ugstad, Jen Kovall & Kim Isaacson

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

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

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

**M/S/P S Dickinson/D Green/Passed**

- **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
  - Ted submitted the financial report
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

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

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - **Halloween Dance Update:** \$455 deposited, no chamber money used – Walt went to local businesses and got prizes/donations. Not as well attended as previous years, no ad in paper and preparations should start earlier next year
  - **Thanks** to everybody who helped with the Fall Cleanup at the Depot
  - **Decorating for Christmas** to start soon – Fran & Bonnie will do the inside and hopefully Bob & Su Ugstad will do the outside again this year
  - **Electronic Sign Update:** A committee of four people has been set up and they will meet Tuesday, November 15 at 4:30 at the Depot - Shawn – chairman, Denise, Julie & Kim
  - **Harvest Festival Chairperson** is desperately needed and this needs to be started soon – Carol will help out, but cannot lead it. There is a file of material so it will not be so hard – it could be a team not just one person!
- Motion to accept Old Business

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

- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - **Dog Sled Races:** Will Start and End in Remer this year! February 11<sup>th</sup>
  - **Chile Cook off**
  - **Jenny Kovall** came and asked the Chamber for a one time donation to keep the activity buses running for the rest of this year – they need a total of \$12,500 and have raised \$6,900 which was enough to get them started
    - **MOTION** by Walt to donate \$500 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle

- **Discussion:** Could we make it a two step process? Could we borrow from the Harvest Festival Funds and pay it back? Could we take it out of the Special Funds – No, No and No
- **VOTE: 12 Yes/2No/PASSED – the Chamber will donate \$500**
- **Denise** presented the Library information again with some new statistics and stated that the vote tonight did not guarantee that Remer would get a library; it was only to decide if it would be in the Depot and it could take 1 to 3 years to see anything happen
- **Question & Answer:** Volunteers would run it for the first five years until it could become a part of the Kitchigami program, and then a Librarian would have to be hired. People have already volunteered to work there and be on the committee. Taxes – the city and townships already pay taxes to the Kitchigami program, don't know how much individual taxes would go up/that is part of the research. If the vote is does not pass tonight it will not stop the research
- **VOTE BY BALLOT: PASSED the Library will be in the Depot**
- **Closing Ceremonies for the Centennial:**
  - **Time Capsule** – there will be a guest speaker to dedicate the time capsule, Remer Iron Works is building it and the City of Remer is paying for the time capsule and the case. There will be a list of items locked up to be opened in 50 years with the time capsule. If you want to donate something contact Su Ugstad or Denise Green. Jim Wester will sponsor the granite plaque in his mother's name.
  - **Date to be announced**
  - **Birthday cake contest** ~ winner gets their picture put in the time capsule! Then all the cakes will be auctioned off
  - **Videotape** of the event and that will also go in the time capsule
  - **MOTION** by Walt to approve up to \$200 for preservation material needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted
  - **VOTE: All Yes/Passed**
- **Lighting of Memorial Tree:** Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Soup supper starts @ 5 pm
- **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**M/S/P D Russell/H Prushek/Passed**

**NEXT MEETING: December 13<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm @ the Depot**

Submitted by:  
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Chamber Secretary