

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2011

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee & Bonnie Renn, Frances Nicklason, Dan Russell, Rachel McCall, Pat O'Neil, Michelle Tessin, Walt Scollard & Denise Green

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

M/S/P T Frick/D Russell/Passed

- Meeting minutes from the last meeting were looked over
Corrections: Bonnie and Fran are only in charge of the White Elephant Sale. The picnic tables were donated by the Garden Club, not Fran Nicklason.
- Motion to accept minutes

M/S/P M Tessin/F Nicklason/Passed

- **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
Ted handed out his report; there is about \$3,000 in the trust fund for the sign, the money from the sale of the cookbooks is being split with \$1,000 going towards the sign and \$1,000 going towards the restoration of the caboose. There is \$5,800 in the checking account and money coming in from the businesses that advertised in the Harvest Festival Flyer. Profit on Harvest Festival is \$2,500 to \$3,000 after all the bills were paid
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

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

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
Cookbook Report: The cost to make 215 cookbooks was \$200 – these women did almost all the work themselves; \$2,000 was raised!
Calendar Report: The cost was \$4,327 for 1,000 calendars, sponsorship and underwriting brought in \$2,000, total sales to date: \$3,659. There are 4 cases remaining with businesses still selling them – @ \$6 each or 2 for \$10
Election Committee Update: Walt, Denise & Bonnie reported that Bob will run for re-election, Shawn Dickenson will run for Vice President and Michelle Tessin will run for Treasurer.
Halloween Dance Update: Shawn says it is under control
Fall Fest Update: Fran & Bonnie are doing the White Elephant Sale – they are taking donations. Michelle Tessin is in charge of the bake sale – also looking for donated goodies. Ted and Bob are in charge of the scarecrow making contest.

Pat O'Neil has volunteered to help out and look for pumpkins to decorate and sell as well as for the children to paint; more volunteers are needed.

Fall Fest is at the Depot from 8:30 to 4 on Saturday, October 8th

Annual Meeting Update: The Annual Meeting/Election of Officers will be at Deer Haven on Wednesday, October 12th. Drinks at 6, dinner at 7 and the meeting starts at 8.

Motion to hold the Annual Dinner @ Deer Haven: P O'Neil/W Scollard/Passed

Grand Rapids Website Update: Kerry Larson sent the number of hits on their website – Jan to May 76, June 44, July 46 & August 36: total 202. Bob brought a report on the number of hits on our website: Jan to Sept 79,697

Discussion: Instead of Grand Rapids why not Walker/Cass County; the Chamber gets money from Blandin's in Grand Rapids and we already belong to their Chamber.

Motion to NOT sign up: W/Scollard/T Frick – Vote 3 to 5 – we will pay the \$150 to be on the Grand Rapids Chamber's Website

Electronic Sign Update: The sign is in, need to run the power to it. We are close to having the money needed to pay for it; Outdoor Recreation donated some of the work they did and it should be up and running by the end of this month.

- Motion to accept Old Business

M/S/P D Green/M Tessin/Passed

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

New Computer: The one donated for the sign needed a new motherboard – cost \$500 – there will be an ad taken out thanking everyone for their contributions

Bid for Re-surfacing the parking lot: Was submitted to Bob for \$1,700 – we will get a second bid and this will be a spring project

- Motion to accept New Business

M/S/P T Frick/W Scollard/Passed

- **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

M/S/P T Frick/D Green/Passed

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 12th @ Deer Haven @ 6 pm
Annual Meeting & Election of Officers**

Submitted by:

Kim Archer

Chamber Secretary