

Romer's Catering Date: 4/13/15

President Karen Romer called the meeting to order.

Lisa Niekamp-Urwin motioned to approve the March 9, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Chuck Stammen. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled to next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- 1) <u>Banquet Committee</u>. The banquet will be held at the <u>Mercer County Elks on May 4, 2015</u>. Please RSVP to Matt Lammers at <u>mlammers@sthenrybank.com</u> or 419-678-2358 by April 30, 2015. See the attached Invite.
- 2) <u>Benefits Committee</u>. SOCA will send us benefits information. They may come and speak to us in June.
- 3) <u>Membership Committee</u>. Invoices have been snail mailed out. New folders are in the works to inform potential new members about what the Chamber offers. The website is being modified to show only paid members.

New Business:

1) <u>Speaker: House of Hope</u>. Tonya Huber and Bruce Swonger attended the meeting to provide information to the Chamber on the House of Hope. It is a sober living house established to help woman with heroin problem in Celina. July 2014 was the ribbon cutting. Volunteers and donations helped to renovate the home to its current state. The first resident moved in December 2014. They currently have 4 woman staying at the house. It holds a total of 6 with a rigorous application process that only accepts those that are truly wanting to change their lives. They sell wristbands and t-shirts to raise funds. The rest of the money has come in from groups wanting to help and believe in the cause. www.mercerhouseofhope.com

After Tonya and Bruce left, Deb Hemmelgarn motioned that the Chamber donate \$1,000 for the cause. It was seconded by Frank Urwin and the motion carried.

2) Tomorrow's Technology Today will be having open house on May 14th for their new office.

Karen Romer won the pot of gold.

Thanks to John Yoder and Edward Jones for stress relief. The annual banquet will be sponsored by The St. Henry Bank.

Chuck Stammen motioned to adjourn and Charlie Gels seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is May 4, 2015.

Sincerely,

Matthew C. Lammers

Secretary