



Place: Romer's Banquet Room

Date: 2/13/17

**Members present:** Karen Romer, Sharon Rindler, Frank Urwin, Matt Lammers, David Romer, John Yoder, John Knapke, Janice Knapke, Nate Subler, Dr Fishbaugh, Lisa Niekamp Urwin

President, Frank Urwin called the meeting to order.

No changes were requested to the minutes from the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. They were motioned for approval by Lisa and seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

David gave an update on the finances: Checking balance - \$1,259.78, Savings has an approximate balance of \$35,900.00. John Yoder made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, a second was made by John Knapke. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

1) **Membership / Welcome Committee:**

- a. We have about 15 businesses that have not paid their **2017 membership dues**. Sharon will follow up with these businesses by sending a reminder notice.
- b. Janice mentioned that she has never received a **membership plaque**. John Yoder will look into this.
- c. David received a **membership request** from Rising Sun Express, they are a trucking company in Jackson Center. Discussion pursued regarding our desire to have an out-of-town, perhaps a nonparticipating business join our chamber. After evaluating the pros and cons, a motion was made to accept the membership from Rising Sun Express. A majority vote in favor of the motion was confirmed.

New Business:

- 1) David received a donation request from the **St Henry After Prom Committee**, Karen Romer made a motion to donate \$100, it was seconded by Janice Knapke, motion carried.
- 2) A number of **thank you notes** were received expressing gratitude for our generosity of donation. Specifically, they came from Art's Place for our donation to Arts in the Park, Mercer County Sheriff's Department for a donation received through the Combined Charity Drive, and finally a note of thanks from St Henry Amphitheater Committee for being an entertainment sponsor.
- 3) **St Henry Picnic Report** was provided by Matt. Things are progressing nicely for the upcoming picnic. The responsibility/"To Do" list for organizing the Community Picnic has been reviewed and a list of ten jobs each have been assigned to various Community Organizations and Clubs. The St Henry Chamber is responsible for ten items, most of which are accomplished by Matt Lammers and David Romer. As the picnic draws nearer, we will be reaching out for help. Please be sure to keep up with e-mails and minutes – volunteer where you can!
- 4) Following up on the presentation made by **Mercer Health** representatives Mindy Kremer and Deb Hemmelgarn in regard to the expansion project, consideration was given to a monetary donation for this cause. Matt informed everyone that the Hospital is considered a

non-profit organization; he followed that with a motion to donate \$1,000.00; it was seconded by Karen Romer, motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1) **St Henry Booster Athletic Complex** project and the **St Henry Stingray** request for a donation have been tabled until further notice or until more information is provided.

Thank you to "**John and Janice Knapke of Watkins Consulting**" for hosting the stress relief!

Lucky, lucky Matt Lammers is the winner of the **Pot of God** - \$22.00!

David made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Nate. Motion carried. Next meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2017; with special guest speaker Kathryn Speelman.

Sincerely,

*Sharon Rindler*

Secretary